From: Seale, Elizabeth

To: PL Planning Applications

Subject: 332779 WSCC/052/20. Construction of single carriageway with cycleway / footway, central island,

pedestrian crossing and roundabouts with landscaping and all the associated works. Land North of

Eastergate and NW of Barnham, PO22 0DF.

Date: 18 November 2020 10:08:33

Dear Sir or Madam,

Please find attached below the response from Natural England for your information.

Yours faithfully,

Beth Seale

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For further information on the Pre-submission Screening Service see here

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Natural England has **no comments** to make on this application.

Natural England has not assessed this application for impacts on protected species. Natural England has published <u>Standing Advice</u> which you can use to assess impacts on protected species or you may wish to consult your own ecology services for advice.

Natural England and the Forestry Commission have also published standing advice on <u>ancient</u> woodland and veteran trees which you can use to assess any impacts on ancient woodland.

The consultation documents indicate that this development includes areas of priority habitat as listed on Section 41 of the Natural Environmental and Rural Communities (NERC) Act 2006.

The lack of comment from Natural England does not imply that there are no impacts on the natural environment, but only that the application is not likely to result in significant impacts on statutory designated nature conservation sites or landscapes. It is for the local planning authority to determine whether or not this application is consistent with national and local policies on the natural environment. Other bodies and individuals may be able to provide information and advice on the environmental value of this site and the impacts of the proposal to assist the decision making process. We advise LPAs to obtain specialist ecological or other environmental advice when determining the environmental impacts of development.

We recommend referring to our SSSI Impact Risk Zones (available on <u>Magic</u> and as a downloadable <u>dataset</u>) prior to consultation with Natural England. Further guidance on when to consult Natural England on planning and development proposals is available online at https://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-planning-authorities-get-environmental-advice.

Yours faithfully

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