

Maidstone Borough Council Local Plan (2011-2031) Examination

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Dear Mr. Jarman,

Habitats Regulation Assessment

The Inspector is currently assessing the legal compliance of the Local Plan and has asked you to provide information in relation to the Habitats Regulation Assessment which was undertaken in February 2016

This Habitats Regulations Assessment recommends the following:-

1. Minor wording changes to the Local Plan (which have been incorporated in the MM for Policy DM3).
2. A commitment by the Council to ensure funding continues at an appropriate level to ensure existing management measures at North Downs Woodlands SAC are suitably maintained, (such as fencing, gateways etc and entrance points), thus ensuring existing and future levels of residential development do not result in likely significant effects upon the North Downs Woodlands SAC as a result of increased recreational pressure. [Document ENV 016].

On the basis of these recommendations being complied with Natural England regarded the approach as 'reasonable', and the Inspector has asked if you could provide evidence of the commitment sought by the second recommendation.

Yours sincerely,

Louise St John Howe

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