Dear Sir/Madam,

**Planning consultation:** Runnymede Local Plan – Main Modifications Consultation

Thank you for your consultation on the above dated and received by Natural England on 09 January 2020

Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.

Our remit includes protected sites and landscapes, biodiversity, geodiversity, soils, protected species, landscape character, green infrastructure and access to and enjoyment of nature.

Natural England has no specific comments to make on the published Main Modifications, as these all appear to be appropriate.

However, we do still have concerns relating to elements of the Plan which we commented on at the Regulation 19 stage, which do not appear to have been amended as part of the Main Modifications. We would refer back to our previous response dated 29th June 2018 and highlight that the comments we made with regard to the specific allocations and policies discussed in that response (Policy SD10: Longcross Garden Village, SL12 – Housing Allocation at Ottershaw East, Ottershaw, Policy EE10 – Thames Basin Heaths Special Protection Area and Key Diagram) remain outstanding.

Should the proposal change, please consult us again.

For any queries relating to the specific advice in this letter only please contact [Redacted].
For any further consultations on your supplementary planning document, please contact: consultations@naturalengland.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

Thames Solent Team
Sustainable Development