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Dear Sir/Madam,

Planning consultation: Outline planning application (with all matters except access reserved) for up to 49 dwellings and associated works and provision of a cemetery together with access and associated works.

Location: Land south of The Forty and North of Chelworth Road, Cricklade, Wiltshire

Thank you for your consultation on the above dated 22 September 2025 which was received by Natural England on 22 September 2025.

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.

SUMMARY OF NATURAL ENGLAND'S ADVICE

FURTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED TO DETERMINE IMPACTS ON DESIGNATED SITES

The proposed development has the potential to have a harmful effect on terrestrial Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs) and those Special Areas of Conservation (SACs), Special Protection Areas (SPAs) or Ramsar sites that they underpin.

Natural England's statutory advice on these potential impacts is set out below.

Designated sites

Further information required - recreational pressure impacts to North Meadow and Clattinger Farm Special Area of Conservation (SAC)

This development site is within the zone of influence (Zoi) for recreational impacts to North Meadow and Clattinger Farm Special Area of Conservation (SAC).

The three local planning authorities and Natural England have agreed that within 8km of the North Meadow Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) component of North Meadow and Clattinger Farm SAC proposals for any net increase in residential units will have a likely significant effect on the qualifying features of the SAC through increased recreational pressure when considered either alone or in combination with other plans and projects.

Natural England advises that such developments require an **appropriate assessment** to consider the impacts, alone and in combination with other plans/projects.

The appropriate assessment should take into consideration the [Natural England Access to Evidence - Conservation Objectives for European Sites](#) and it will need to set out in detail any mitigation measures that will be secured in this case, along with the necessary justification of their likely efficacy to ensure there is no adverse effect on the integrity of the site in accordance with the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended). Natural England must be consulted the appropriate assessment.

Discretionary Advice

Natural England may provide further advice to the applicant through the discretionary advice service (DAS). Refer to [Developers: get environmental advice on your planning proposals - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#) for more information.

Impact Risk Zones for Sites of Special Scientific Interest

We publish Impact Risk Zones for Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI IRZs), a GIS-based tool designed for use during the planning application validation process to help local planning authorities to determine if a proposed development is likely to affect a terrestrial SSSI and when to consult Natural England. For more information and to access the SSSI IRZs and user guidance, please visit the [Natural England Open Data Geoportal](#).

Further general advice on the consideration of protected species and other natural environment issues is provided at Annex A.

We would be happy to comment further should the need arise but if in the meantime you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

For any queries regarding this letter, for new consultations, or to provide further information on this consultation please send your correspondences to consultations@naturalengland.org.uk.

Yours faithfully

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