

Cricklade Court Leet

The Manorial Court for the Hundred and Borough

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Dear Mr Richardson,

**Newland Homes Approval of Reserved Matters PL/2026/00347 North Meadow SAC –
Appropriate Assessment Considerations**

We write on behalf of Cricklade Court Leet Charity in relation to the above Reserved Matters application and its assessment under Regulation 63 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017.

This document accompanies our formal submission requesting fresh Habitats Regulations Assessment screening and, if necessary, a further Appropriate Assessment in respect of this Reserved Matters application.

Please find attached a document entitled “**Matters Requiring Explicit Consideration in Any Further Appropriate Assessment – North Meadow Special Area of Conservation.**”

The purpose of this document is to assist the competent authority by identifying site-specific ecological, hydrological, and management considerations relevant to the integrity of North Meadow SAC, and to ensure that the Appropriate Assessment fully considers the practical and operational factors necessary to maintain the qualifying MG4 floodplain meadow habitat in favourable condition.

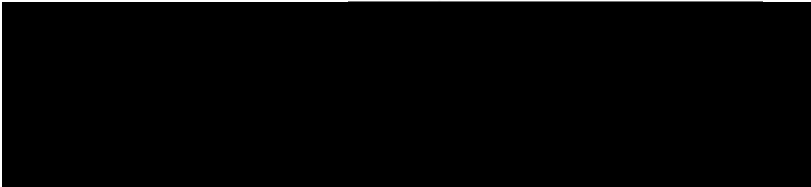
In particular, the document highlights:

- The proximity of the development to the SAC and implications for recreational displacement
- The dependence of SAC integrity on the continued viability of traditional grazing management
- The importance of clearly defined governance, monitoring, and corrective mechanisms
- The need to ensure hydrological mitigation measures are demonstrably reliable and deliverable
- The statutory requirement to exclude reasonable scientific doubt regarding adverse effects on site integrity

The Charity owns part of North Meadow SAC and is directly involved in its long-term management. The intention of this submission is to assist the Council in ensuring that the Appropriate Assessment is robust, evidence-based, and consistent with the requirements of Regulation 63.

We would be grateful if you could confirm that this submission and its appendices will be formally taken into account as part of the Council's Habitats Regulations Assessment process and its determination of the Reserved Matters application.

Yours sincerely,



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