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Dear Mr Davies,

Planning consultation: South Worcestershire Councils of Malvern Hills, Worcester CiC and Wychavon Community Infrastructure Levy Reg 19 Stage Submission for Examination (2016) and modifications to the CIL Reg 19(4).

Thank you for your consultation on the above dated 22 July 2016 which was received by Natural England on 22 July 2016.

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.

Community Infrastructure Levy - Draft Charging Schedule

Natural England is not a service provider, nor do we have detailed knowledge of infrastructure requirements of the area concerned. However, we note that the National Planning Policy Framework Paragraph 114 states "Local planning authorities should set out a strategic approach in the local plans, planning positively for the creation, protection, enhancement and management of networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure." We view CIL as playing an important role in delivering such a strategic approach.

With this in mind we welcome the inclusion of the projects relating to the upgrade of open spaces including green corridors and natural and semi-natural green spaces. We also welcome the inclusion of the listed Green Infrastructure projects which we note fall within the South Worcestershire Infrastructure Delivery Plan (SWIDP).

For any queries relating to the specific advice in this letter only please contact James Hughes on 020 802 61000. For any new consultations, or to provide further information on this consultation please send your correspondences to consultations@naturalengland.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

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