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Your ref: Statement of Community Involvement - Merton



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Dear Sir or Madam

**Consultation on Statement of Community Involvement for Merton London Borough Council**

Thank you for your consultation request on the above dated and received by Natural England on 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2019.

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.

We are supportive of the principle of meaningful and early engagement of the general community, community organisations and statutory bodies in local planning matters, both in terms of shaping policy and participating in the process of determining planning applications.

We regret we are unable to comment, in detail, on individual Statements of Community Involvement but information on the planning service we offer, including advice on how to consult us, can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/protected-species-and-sites-how-to-review-planning-proposals>.

We now ask that all planning consultations are sent electronically to the central hub for our planning and development advisory service at the following address: [consultations@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:consultations@naturalengland.org.uk). This system enables us to deliver the most efficient and effective service to our customers.

Yours faithfully

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