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Your Ref: Post Hearing Main Modifications - SA & HRA  
Our Ref: 465813

Dear

Thank you for your consultation request dated and received by Natural England on 6<sup>TH</sup> February 2024.

Please find attached Natural England's response letter to your consultation request.

If you have any queries, please contact [consultations@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:consultations@naturalengland.org.uk)

Yours sincerely

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Date: 20<sup>th</sup> February 2024  
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Dear

**London Borough of Merton – Local Plan - Post Hearing Main Modifications (Sustainability Appraisal and Habitat Regulation Assessment)**

Thank you for your consultation request on the above Strategic Planning Consultation, dated and received by Natural England on 6th February 2024.

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.

Natural England have **no comments** to make on the Post Hearing Main Modifications of the Sustainability Appraisal and Habitats Regulations Assessment for your Local Plan.

For any new consultations, or to provide further information on this consultation please send your correspondences to [consultations@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:consultations@naturalengland.org.uk).

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