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Dear Planning Policy Team

I attach our response to your recent planning consultation.

Kind regards

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These services help applicants take appropriate account of environmental considerations at an early stage of project development, reduce uncertainty, reduce the risk of delay and added cost at a later stage, whilst securing good results for the natural environment.

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Dear Matthew

**Planning consultation: Tamworth Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) – Draft Charging Schedule
Community Infrastructure Regulations 2010 (as amended) - Regulation 16.**

Thank you for your consultation on the above dated 14 October 2015 which was received by Natural England on the same day.

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 notes the content of the Council's draft charging schedule. Our previous comments (advice letter dated 10 December 2014 our reference 135576) in response to the previous consultation largely still apply. With regard to avoidance and mitigation measures for Alvecote Pools Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) we note and welcome the relevant entry in the Infrastructure Delivery Plan¹ document.

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 relating to the specific advice in this letter only please contact me on 0300 060 1640. For any new consultations, or to provide further information on this consultation please send your correspondences to consultations@naturalengland.org.uk.

We really value your feedback to help us improve the service we offer. We have attached a feedback form to this letter and welcome any comments you might have about our service.

Yours sincerely

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¹ 'Tamworth Infrastructure Delivery Plan for Community Infrastructure Levy Draft Charging Schedule 2015' – Page 5, Sustainable Urban Extensions – Tamworth golf course.

