

**REPRESENTATIONS FROM
ENVIRONMENT AGENCY**

The Parish Clerk,
The Village Hall,
First Avenue,
Southbourne,
PO10 8HN

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Date: 28 May 2014

Dear Sir/Madam

Southbourne Parish Neighbourhood Plan - Pre-Submission Plan

Thank you for consulting the Environment Agency on your Pre-Submission Neighbourhood Plan.

We are a statutory consultee in the planning process providing advice to Local Authorities and developers on pre-application enquiries, planning applications, appeals and strategic plans.

Together with Natural England, Heritage and Forestry Commission we have published joint advice on neighbourhood planning which sets out sources of environmental information and ideas on incorporating the environment into plans. This is available at: <http://publications.environment-agency.gov.uk/PDF/GEHO0212BWAZ-E-E.pdf>.

We aim to reduce flood risk, while protecting and enhancing the water environment. We have had to focus our detailed engagement to those areas where the environmental risks are greatest.

We are pleased to see that the proposed sites in Policy 2 have been directed to the areas at the lowest probability of flooding and that they are all located within Flood Zone 1. We consider that flood risk has been fully considered in the sites assessments and any risk correctly identified.

We would welcome the opportunity to work with you to ensure environmental infrastructure is taken into consideration when funding local infrastructure.

Yours faithfully

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