

Ashperton Submission Draft Neighbourhood Development Plan

Late Rule 16 consultation response from Natural England

With reference to the above response dated 17 December 2019 but forwarded to Ashperton Parish Council on 29 January 2020, the Parish Council would make the following comments:

The Parish Council accepts that the Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA) for the NDP was made before the 'Dutch Judgement' and that the River Wye Nutrient Management Plan (NMP) cannot be relied upon as mitigation for any additional phosphate entering the River Lugg.

As a result the Parish Council acknowledges that the conclusion of the HRA that there would be no adverse effects of development in Ashperton on the integrity of the River Wye SAC can no longer be sustained. However, this does not mean that development sites cannot be allocated in the NDP but that any application would need to demonstrate that the drainage scheme for each individual development would be phosphate neutral, if necessary by means of an appropriate assessment. This could be achieved as part of the planning process but would make it all the more appropriate that any condition requiring the approval of a drainage scheme be a condition precedent, such that no development would take place before the scheme is approved.

It may be appropriate, therefore, for a short addendum to that effect be added to the NDP should the Plan Examiner consider it necessary.