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**BY EMAIL ONLY**

Dear Mr Edgerley

**Planning consultation: Suffolk Coastal District Council - Community Infrastructure Levy - Draft Charging Schedule**

Thank you for your consultation on the above document which was received by Natural England on 06 October 2014

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 is not a service provider, nor do we have detailed knowledge of infrastructure requirements of the area concerned. However, we note that the National Planning Policy Framework Para 114 states "Local planning authorities should set out a strategic approach in their Local Plans, planning positively for the creation, protection, enhancement and management of networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure." We view CIL as playing an important role in delivering such a strategic approach. With this in mind we particularly welcome the provision in the Draft Regulation 123 List for CIL funding of the following: provision of off-site open space, maintenance of open space and strategic green infrastructure.

We note that planning obligations will be used to deliver open space provision to mitigate the impact of the proposed development at Adastral Park on designated European nature conservation sites.

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 Roslyn Deeming on 0300 060 1524. 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).

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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