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Dear Planning Policy Group,

Planning consultation: Development Management Local Plan - Modifications. **Location:** Lewisham.

Thank you for your consultation on the above dated 05 June 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.

Development Management Local Plan – Modifications:

Having checked the provided main modifications documentation there aren't any areas which would require comment by Natural England at this stage. The points mentioned under MM15 and MM10 covering "Infill, backland, back gardens & amenity area development" and "Biodiversity, living roofs artificial playing pitches" respectively are useful clarifications however.

Sustainability Appraisal (SA) of Main Modifications:

Given the minimal changes that are being made (within our remit to comment on) from our perspective the outcomes of the SA are still going to be valid and wouldn't need to change as noted in the 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 <u>only</u> please contact Piotr Behnke on 0300 060 1963. For any new consultations, or to provide further information on this consultation please send your correspondences to <u>consultations@naturalengland.org.uk</u>.

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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