

## Rhodes, Ann

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**From:** Lowe, Oliver (NE) <[redacted]@naturalengland.org.uk>  
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**To:** Rhodes, Ann  
**Subject:** RE: 2017-01-13 201863 Draft Stogumber Neighbourhood Plan (Taunton Deane)

Dear Ann

Our ref: 201863

Hope you're well and happy new year. Please be advised that Natural England has no comments to add in addition to our advice in our previous letter of 29 January 2016 (draft NDP consultation) and 10 November 2016 (SEA screening 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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