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NATIONAL PARK

Planning Policy
Christchurch Borough Council
Civic Offices
Bridge Street
Christchurch BH23 1AZ

Our ref :S/7/3/CIL
Your ref:

17 June 2014

Dear Sir/Madam

Draft Charging Schedules for Christchurch and East Dorset

Thank you for consulting the New Forest National Park Authority on the above document. The Authority is pleased to note that the majority of our comments made on the Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule have been taken on board. The Authority would like to make the following comment on the current consultation document which I trust you will find helpful.

Heathland Mitigation Appendix D page 35

The Authority is pleased to note that in line with our previous comment reference is made here to the fact that heathland mitigation schemes, including SANGs and strategic cross border mitigation projects will be eligible for CIL (my emphasis).

It is noted however, that although reference has been made in the second paragraph to the fact that the Councils are working closely with the South East Dorset Local Authorities to update the Dorset Heathlands Planning Framework SPD, there is no reference to the fact that a similar way of working may be required for the mitigation of impacts on the Natura 2000 habitats within the National Park, supported by appropriate CIL funds.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss any of the above.

Yours faithfully

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