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Dear Chris

Eastleigh Strategic Land (nitrogen offset scheme)

Thank you for sending over to Natural England the revised land management plans and accompanying document setting out scheme arrangements and provisions relating to the Eastleigh Borough Council strategic scheme for delivering nitrogen offsetting for development (email 23rd September 2021).

Natural England have considered the information and are satisfied that the proposed nitrogen mitigation measures, if secured and delivered as described, will deliver effective nutrient mitigation. The mitigation measures will generate nitrogen credits which can be used to ensure that new housing is nutrient neutral. This mitigation can be made available primarily to new housing which will use wastewater treatment works (or bespoke package treatment works) which discharge within the fluvial catchments of the River Test, the River Itchen and River Hamble (the latter with respect to parcel HP537794), in accordance with advice as set out within the Natural England Solent Nutrients guidance note (version 5.0).

In addition to providing nitrogen mitigation, the Eastleigh strategic scheme provides an exciting opportunity to enable nature's recovery, and we hope that the Council will bring forward further proposals across the sites that will benefit wildlife and residents of Eastleigh and beyond. We welcome and are supportive of the work the Borough Council has done to secure these sites and look forward to seeing them develop in the future.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas Lord".

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