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**Q1** Please provide your contact details in the boxes below:

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**Q2** Are you are an agent responding on behalf of another? **No****Q3** If you are an agent responding on behalf of another, please enter your details below: **Respondent skipped this question**

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**Q4** Which sites that have been assessed as being suitable for further consideration (Appendix A) do you think are most appropriate for development?Please state site number(s) – e.g. LAA0999 - and tell us why you think each site is most appropriate

We do not intend to make comments on specific sites

**Q5** Which sites that have been assessed as being suitable for further consideration (Appendix A) do you think are least appropriate for development?Please state site number(s) – e.g. LAA0999 - and tell us why you think each site is least appropriate **Respondent skipped this question****Q6** Which sites do you think should be protected from development?Please state site number(s) – e.g. LAA0999 and tell us why you think each site should be protected from development **Respondent skipped this question**

**Q7** Are there any sites that have been assessed as not being suitable for further consideration (Appendix B) that should be? Please state site number(s) – e.g. LAA0999 - and tell us why you think each site is suitable for further consideration

Respondent skipped this question

**Q8** Are there any sites which you think should be used for other purposes? Please state site number(s) – e.g. LAA0999 - and the best use for the site, e.g.: Residential Employment Retail Community facilities Open or green space Waste Other (please specify)

Respondent skipped this question

**Q9** Are there any other sites you think are suitable for the Council to consider in preparing the Local Plan Part 2? Please give further details, and submit details by email using the Call for Sites form available on the Council's website

Respondent skipped this question

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#### Page 4: Sustainability Appraisal of Site Options & Habitats Regulations Assessment

**Q10** Do you have any comments on the Sustainability Appraisal of Site Options?

We welcome the clear inclusion of biodiversity and landscape within the assessment criteria. We note the consideration given to areas of nature conservation value and public open space. In relation to the SPA we note that different types of development, i.e, residential and employment land may affect the site in different ways and this needs to be reflected in how the sites are assessed.

**Q11** Do you have any comments on the information to support the Habitats Regulations Assessment?

Natural England has previously made detailed comments in our correspondence dated 18th August 2017. Since then the HRA has been updated in terms of the sites under consideration but our previous comments remain valid and should still be relied on. To recap briefly we welcome the intention to develop a strategic approach to mitigation for the effects of new residential development close to the Upper Nene Valley Gravel Pits SPA and we would be willing to support your authority in developing this work.

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