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Dear Mr Alan Frampton

### **Christchurch FCERM Strategy**

I am writing to confirm Natural England's support, in principle, of Bournemouth Christchurch and Poole (BCP) Council's proposal for the Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management strategy. Natural England are comfortable and supportive of the FCERM Strategy and its recommendations. Natural England can confirm the process BCP Council have followed is in line with the relevant guidance, and the regulations have been adequately appraised and assessed in the various reports.

Natural England's support is based on the understanding that BCP council will carry out project level HRAs and MCZ assessments for each pressure that has been screened in.

It is understood that the proposed Strategy Management Zones (SMZs) and eighteen smaller Option Development Units (ODUs) are important measures currently needed to meet the policies identified in the Shoreline Management Plan for the stretch of coastline between Hengistbury Head (immediately to the east of Hengistbury Head long groyne) and the landward (western) end of Hurst Spit, and within Christchurch Harbour.

Natural England is happy to continue working with BCP council to review the options within the Strategy in relation to protected sites.

Yours sincerely,  
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Dear Mr Frampton,

**Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Environmental Report 2023 for the Christchurch Bay & Harbour Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Strategy (FCERM)**

Thank you for sharing the final draft of the SEA for Christchurch Harbour and Bay FCERM with Historic England. As the Government's adviser for the historic environment, we are keen to ensure that conservation and enhancement of the historic environment are taken into account in the preparation of the associated strategy.

We can confirm that BCP Council and its consultants have worked positively with us during the process of preparing this SEA. We are not in a position to check and validate all information in the final report at this stage. However, according to our understanding of adjustments that have been made in response to our previous comments, we are content that this represents a reasonable assessment of the likely effects of the strategy on the historic environment. While we do have concerns about potential for future harm to the historic environment that may result from some strategy choices, we are content at this strategic stage that adequate safeguards and monitoring and mitigation recommendations have been included in the SEA to inform further detailed work on schemes in future.

This opinion is based on the information provided by you and, for the avoidance of doubt, does not affect our obligation to advise you on, and potentially object to any specific development proposal which may subsequently arise from the plan, and which may, despite the assessment, have adverse effects on the historic environment.

Yours sincerely

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