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Email response sent to: statutoryconsulteesforNPSs@communities.gsi.gov.uk

Dear Ms Rawlings

RESPONSE TO THE CONSULTATION ON THE LIST OF STATUTORY CONSULTEES FOR NATIONAL POLICY STATEMENTS

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the above consultation. The RTPI is a membership organisation representing over 22,000 spatial planners. It exists to advance the science and art of town planning for the benefit of the public.

The RTPI supports the National Policy Statement framework and associated measures currently being prepared through the Department for Communities and Local Government and the Infrastructure Planning Commission to ensure required infrastructure is identified and developed in a timely manner.

We welcome the DCLG setting out the bodies proposed to be consulted with in the development of National Policy Statements. The RTPI is also of the view that this list needs to be flexible to respond to different types of National Policy Statements, changing needs, and local circumstances.

Overall the RTPI is supportive of the process by which the DCLG is taking with regard to the consultation processes in drafting regulations to support the development of National Policy Statements and looks forward to contributing to future consultations.

If you require any further assistance, please contact Rebecca Coates, Planning Policy Officer on 0207 929 9494 or email england.policy@rtpi.org.uk.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rynd Smith', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

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