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## BY EMAIL ONLY

Dear Ms Parker

Trafford Core Strategy Examination Inspector's Note 7 Draft National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)

Thank you for your consultation on the above dated 11 August 2011.

Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.

Our core interests include biodiversity and protected species, geodiversity, landscape character and quality, green infrastructure, access to the countryside and other greenspace, soil conservation, sustainable design and construction, and environmental land management. We would also wish to see proposals or plans which show both adaptation to and reduction in the contribution to climate change.

Having considered the relevant documentation and in the light of Natural England's earlier representations on the Core Strategy Publication document that we submitted on 1 November 2010, then on this occasion we do not wish to give any detailed comments. We would stress that the absence of comments or direct involvement on individual plans or proposals is simply an expression of our priorities. It should not be taken as implying a lack of interest or indicating either support for, or objection to, any aspect of this plan.

Should you wish to discuss this response please do not hesitate to contact me by telephone or email, as shown below.

Yours sincerely

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