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Policy L1 - Chichester Harbour Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

Two representations were received, one support from the Chichester Harbour Conservancy for the minor amendment to the text to refer to 'within or adjacent to' the Harbour and one objection. The objector states that the Chichester Harbour Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty policy should be referred to specifically in the HBDWLP because the landscape character and wildlife are very sensitive to change and do not respect administrative boundaries.

Response: The Chichester Harbour Conservancy support Policy L1 and the modification to it. The landscape policies of the Conservancy and of Havant Borough Council both protect the CHAONB and do not need to make reference to their counterpart policies to be effective.

HBC Decision: Confirm modification.

Policy L6 – Stream Corridors

One support was received for the recognition of the importance of stream corridors in the Borough.

HBC Decision: Confirm modification.

Policy L8 – Initiatives to improve the coastal environment

One objection was received, stating that there needs to be a balance between preserving the character of a footpath and improving public access and that 'upgrading' and 'sympathetic enhancement work' are worrying terms.

Response: The Inspector did not consider that any changes to the policy wording were required in Policy L8 therefore only a minor update was made to paragraph 164.

HBC Decision: Confirm modification.

Policy L9 – Conservation and protection of existing natural features

One objection was received to the proposed replacement of the word 'value' with 'importance', stating that the policy wording is still too restrictive. The

objector stated that there should be more flexibility in assessing the importance of natural features to allow for a better long-term design solution.

Response: The objector raised this issue in response to the Revised Deposit Plan but the Inspector only upheld the minor wording change shown in the modified policy.

HBC Decision: Confirm modification.
