Dear Astrid,

Hailey Neighbourhood Plan - HRA Screening report

Thank you for your consultation on the above dated 19 October 2018.

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.

Natural England is a statutory consultee in neighbourhood planning and must be consulted on draft neighbourhood development plans by the Parish/Town Councils or Neighbourhood Forums where they consider our interests would be affected by the proposals made.

Having reviewed the HRA Screening Report, I can confirm that we are in agreement with the conclusion that there are no likely significant effects of the Hailey Neighbourhood Plan on Oxford Meadows SAC. This is based on the information in the screening report and in the Hailey Neighbourhood Plan submitted to West Oxfordshire District Council in August 2018, which indicates that the Neighbourhood Plan would result in delivery of 33 houses; the scale of the development and distance from the SAC means that are no likely significant effects from air pollution, recreational pressure or hydrological changes.

For clarification of any points in this letter, please contact Rebecca Micklem on 02082 257686. For any further consultations on your plan, please contact: consultations@naturalengland.org.uk.

Yours sincerely,

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