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Dear Frankie,

Ticehurst Neighbourhood Plan: HRA Screening Assessment

I am responding to your request for a Screening Assessment under the Habitat Regulations ("an HRA") of the emerging 'Submission' version of your Neighbourhood Plan.

It is understood that the site allocations within it are the same as those in its 'Pre-Submission' version, published in January 2018. For the purposes of this HRA, it is also assumed that all allocations are built and that the quantum of development is the upper end where a range is identified.

It is, of course, a requirement of any plan or project to have proper regard to the provisions of the Habitat Regulations, specifically in assessing whether any potential impacts on European Sites arising as a consequence of the Neighbourhood Plan (in combination with other plans or programmes), may result in an adverse effect upon their integrity.

Further to the Council's HRA Initial Screening Report, August 2016, (which covered both the Council's Development and Site Allocations Local Plan and then emerging Neighbourhood Plans), a further HRA has been commissioned and recently completed. This covers all European sites within the locality of Rother, including the Pevensey Levels SAC and Ramsar Site, the Dungeness Complex of designated sites and the Hastings Cliffs SAC. This is published on the Council's website at www.rother.gov.uk/HRA. It has similarly considered all plans currently in preparation in Rother district. It has taken account of changes in circumstances, including consideration of the further evidence available from Wealden District Council.

The recent HRA, dated September 2018, concludes that these Plans are not likely to result in significant adverse effects on the integrity of the European sites, subject to certain mitigation measures in appropriate circumstances. This Report has been accepted by Natural England.



I would confirm that none of the mitigation requirements apply to sites in Ticehurst parish.

I note that Wealden District Council submitted a comment in response to the consultation on the Pre-Submission Ticehurst Neighbourhood Plan to the effect that a Habitat Regulations Screening is necessary to determine whether the plan is likely to have a significant effect. The above Rother-wide Screening Assessment meets that expectation.

It is concluded that any likely significant effects as a consequence of the Neighbourhood Plan, even in combination with other relevant plans and projects, can reasonably be screened out. Hence, no further assessment is considered necessary.

Yours sincerely,



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