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Our Ref: SWK(HC)NP/SEA&HRA/11/21
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Dear Martin,

**SEA & HRA Screening Determination
South West Kettering (Headlands Community) Neighbourhood Plan**

Following the completion of the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Screening Opinion for the South West Kettering (Headlands Community) Neighbourhood Plan (SWK (HC) NP), I am now writing to confirm the formal view for the need of a full Strategic Environmental Assessment of the Plan. This communication is in accordance with regulation 9 of the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 and the need for Habitat Regulations Assessment in accordance with Article 6 of the European Habitats Directive 1992 and the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 1994.

In relation to the need for Strategic Environmental Assessment, it is determined that it is unlikely there will be any significant environmental effects arising from the implementation of the SWK (HC) NP, therefore a full Strategic Environmental Assessment does not need to be undertaken.

This determination has taken into account regulation 9 (2) (a) in that it has considered the criteria specified in Schedule 1 of the Environmental Assessments of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 and 9 (2) (b) through consultation with the consultation bodies of Natural England, the Environment Agency and Historic England and has taken into account their responses in this determination.

In relation to the need for Habitat Regulations Assessment, it is determined that Habitat Regulations Assessment is also not required for the SWK (HC) NP.

The accompanying 'Strategic Environmental Assessment and Habitat Regulations Assessment Screening Report' for the SWK (HC) NP explains the approach taken in determining the need for SEA/HRA and the reasons for the decision.

This decision is based on the information provided. If the content of the plan is revised and/ or there is a material change in the environmental characteristics in the locality then the comments contained in this decision would need to be reconsidered in order to take account of any changes.

Yours sincerely

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