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Economic Development and Planning
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Re: Habitats Regulations Screening Assessment of Revised Great Somerford Neighbourhood Plan

The Council has recently reviewed the latest draft of the Great Somerford Neighbourhood Plan which takes into account the changes recommended by the Neighbourhood Plan Examiner.

The conclusion of the Habitats Regulation Assessment of the previous iteration of the Great Somerford Neighbourhood Plan was that the plan is not in a particularly sensitive area, relative to the Natura 2000 network of protected sites, and that the plan allocates relatively small areas of residential development, well within the projections of the Wiltshire Core Strategy for the area; therefore the draft plan would have no likely significant effects upon any European designations.

Alterations to the plan include the removal of two sites and the addition of one site, which is within the NP settlement boundary, previously judged unlikely to result in significant effect upon any European designations, therefore the addition of this site does not alter the conclusion of the HRA and there is no requirement to conduct additional screening of the plan.

Yours sincerely,



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