

8th December, 2015

Economic Development and Planning
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Re: Habitats Regulations Screening Assessment of Ashton Keynes Neighbourhood Plan

The Council has recently reviewed the pre-submission draft of the Ashton Keynes Neighbourhood Plan for potential impacts upon the network of European protected sites known as Natura 2000. The attached 'Habitats Regulations Assessment' (HRA) is made on behalf of Wiltshire Council competent authority for the plan, and is in accordance with relevant statutory requirements and best practice.

I note that the plan allocates relatively small areas of residential development, well within the projections of the Wiltshire Core Strategy for the area. The HRA has concluded that your draft plan would have no likely significant effects upon any European designations. Please note that HRA is an iterative process and future iterations of the plan should also be screened if the policies change significantly.

Yours sincerely,

