

**Wiltshire Council**

**Strategic Environmental Assessment – Screening Determination for  
the Great Somerford and Startley Neighbourhood Plan**

**August 2016**

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## 1. Introduction

1.1 This document provides a screening determination of the need to carry out a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) of the Great Somerford and Startley Neighbourhood Plan.

1.2 Wiltshire Council, as the 'Responsible Authority'<sup>1</sup> under the SEA Regulations<sup>2</sup>, is responsible for undertaking this screening process of the Great Somerford and Startley Neighbourhood Plan. It will determine if the plan is likely to have significant environmental effects, and hence whether SEA is required.

1.3 This process has been carried out in accordance with the requirements of European Directive 2001/42/EC<sup>3</sup>, often known as the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Directive, which has been transposed into English law by the SEA Regulations.

## 2. Legislative requirements

2.1 The Localism Act 2011 requires neighbourhood plans to comply with EU legislation. The screening procedure outlined in this report meets the requirements of the SEA Directive and Regulations, as introduced in Section 1 of this document.

2.2 Regulation 5 of the SEA Regulations requires an environmental assessment of plans which:

1. *are prepared for agriculture, forestry, fisheries, energy, industry, transport, waste management, water management, telecommunications, tourism, town and country planning or land use (Regulation 5, para. (2)(a), and which set the framework for future development consent of projects listed in Annex I or II to Council Directive 85/337/EEC (EIA Directive) on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment (Regulation 5, para. (2)(b)*

2. *in view of the likely effect on sites, have been determined to require an assessment pursuant to Article 6 or 7 of the Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC) (Regulation 5, para. (3)*

3. *set the framework for future development consent of projects<sup>4</sup> (Regulation 5, para. (4)(b)*

4. *are determined to be likely to have significant environmental effects as determined under regulation 9(1) (Regulation 5, para. (4)(c)*

An environmental assessment need not be carried out for:

a) *plans which determine the use of a small area<sup>5</sup> at local level (Regulation 5, para. (6)(a); or*

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<sup>1</sup> The organisation which adopts the neighbourhood plan (this is described in Wiltshire Council's guide *Neighbourhood planning – a guide for Wiltshire's parish and town councils* (June 2012) as 'makes the plan').

<sup>2</sup> The Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004

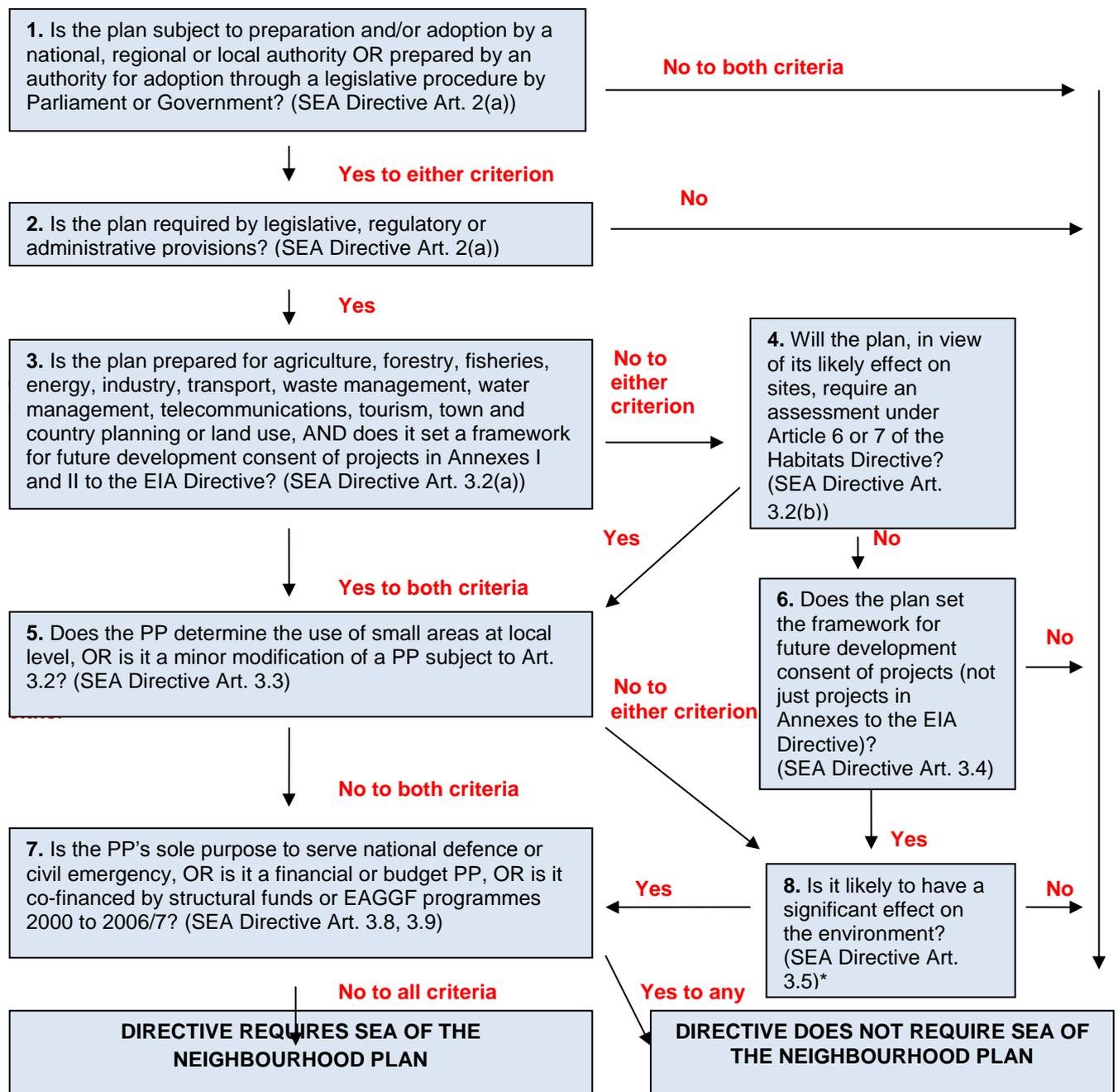
<sup>3</sup> European Directive 2001/42/EC "on the assessment of the effects of certain plans and programmes on the environment"

<sup>4</sup> European Commission guidance states that plans and programmes which **set the framework for future development consent of projects** would normally contain 'criteria or conditions which guide the way a consenting authority decides an application for development consent'. **Development consent** is defined in the EIA Directive as "the decision of the competent authority or authorities which entitled the developer to proceed with the project" (Article 1(2) of the EIA Directive).

<sup>5</sup> European Commission guidance suggests that **plans which determine the use of small areas at local level** might include "a building plan which, for a particular, limited area, outlines details of how buildings must be constructed, determining, for example, their height, width or design"

b) plans which are a minor modification<sup>6</sup> to a plan or programme (Regulation 5, para. (6)(b) unless it has been determined under regulation 9(1) that the plan is likely to have significant environmental effects.

2.3 The diagram<sup>7</sup> below shows the SEA Directive's requirements and its application to neighbourhood plans:



<sup>6</sup> 'Minor modifications' should be considered in the context of the plan or programme which is being modified and of the likelihood of their having significant environmental effects. A modification may be of such small order that it is unlikely to have significant environmental effects.

<sup>7</sup> Taken from *A Practical Guide to the Strategic Environmental Assessment Directive* (ODPM, 2005)

\* Plans falling in this category (No.8) will be screened by Wiltshire Council to determine if they are likely to have significant environmental effects. This determination will be made on a case by case basis for neighbourhood plans coming forward in Wiltshire.

NB This diagram is intended as a guide to the criteria for application of the Directive to neighbourhood plans. It has no legal status.

### **3. The Great Somerford and Startley Neighbourhood Plan Background**

3.1 The parish of Great Somerford and Startley is currently preparing a neighbourhood plan under the provisions of the Localism Act 2011.

3.2 The Parish includes the villages of Great Somerford and Startley. The two villages are approximately one mile apart and are separated, in the main by open farm land. They are of similar nature, with open spaces being a prominent feature. Great Somerford has a primary school and pre-school which are used by both villages as are the local general store/post office and public house. In addition the school in Great Somerford, together with the adjoining Community Room, is used for social activities.

3.3 The vision for the plan area is that the parish will broaden its population to sustain the public amenities by being accessible through a range of available housing and open areas that will allow recreation and social interaction. All this will still be within an environment which does not disturb the rural nature of the parish.

3.4 The emerging Neighbourhood Plan seeks to:

(i) provide additional housing which will be a mix of affordable and open-market dwellings. All such housing to be within easy walking distance from the centre of the village and to be low-density in order to provide adequate garden and vehicle spaces; and

(ii) To protect identified open spaces by ensuring that no development takes place there and to clarify the settlement boundaries.

3.5 The plan recommends a total of 35 houses be provided, of which 12 would be affordable. Five site allocations to deliver the housing have been identified These are located on:

(i) Seagry Road

(ii) Dauntsey Road

(iii) Frog Lane

(iv) Adjacent Brook Farm

(v) Behind Old Police Station

In addition seven sites are identified as areas of open space to be protected from future development.

A copy of the draft plan is attached to this document.

#### **Steering Group**

3.4 In 2013, the Great Somerford and Startley Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group was set up to prepare the plan and is led by the parish council. The Group includes a cross section of community representatives that meet regularly to develop the draft plan.

3.5 Planning officers from Wiltshire Council act as 'link officers' in providing support and advice.

## Neighbourhood area designation

3.6 The designation of the Great Somerford and Startley Neighbourhood Area was approved on 15 April 2014.

3.7 Wiltshire Council publicised the Great Somerford Neighbourhood Area application for consultation over a period of 6 weeks and 3 days from 9am Monday 9 December to 5pm Tuesday 4 February 2014. One representation was received in support of the application.

3.8 The proposed Great Somerford and Startley Neighbourhood Areas is coherent, consistent and appropriate in planning terms.

3.9 The Great Somerford and Startley Neighbourhood Area application and designation documents are available to view online at

<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/planninganddevelopment/planningpolicy/neighbourhoodplanning/neighbourhoodareadesignations.htm>

## 4. SEA Screening assessment

4.1 Wiltshire Council, as the 'Responsible Authority', considers that the Great Somerford and Startley Neighbourhood Plan falls within the scope of the SEA Regulations on the basis that it is a plan that:

**a)** is subject to preparation or adoption by an authority at national, regional or local level (Regulation 2);

**b)** is prepared for town and country planning or land use and it is a plan that sets the framework for future development consent of projects generally (Regulation 5, para. 4); and

**c)** will apply to a wider area other than a small area at local level and is not a minor modification to an existing plan or programme (Regulation 5, para. 6).

4.2 A determination under Regulation 9 is therefore required as to whether the Great Somerford and Startley Neighbourhood Plan is likely to have significant effects on the environment.

4.3 The screening requirements set out in Regulation 9 and Schedule 1 of the SEA Regulations includes two sets of characteristics for determining the likely significance of effects on the environment. These relate to i) the characteristics of the Great Somerford and Startley neighbourhood plan and ii) the characteristics of the effects and of the area likely to be affected by the Great Somerford and Startley Neighbourhood Plan. In making a determination, Wiltshire Council will take into account the criteria specified in Schedule I of the Regulations as follows:

### **1. The characteristics of the plans and programmes, having regard in particular to:**

**(a)** the degree to which the plan or programme sets a framework for projects and other activities, either with regard to the location, nature, size and operating conditions or by allocating resources;

- (b) the degree to which the plan or programme influences other plans and programmes including those in a hierarchy;
- (c) the relevance of the plan or programme for the integration of environmental considerations in particular with a view to promoting sustainable development;
- (d) environmental problems relevant to the plan or programme; and
- (e) the relevance of the plan or programme for the implementation of Community legislation on the environment (for example, plans and programmes linked to waste management or water protection).

**2. Characteristics of the effects and of the area likely to be affected, having regard, in particular, to:**

- (a) the probability, duration, frequency and reversibility of the effects;
- (b) the cumulative nature of the effects;
- (c) the transboundary nature of the effects;
- (d) the risks to human health or the environment (for example, due to accidents);
- (e) the magnitude and spatial extent of the effects (geographical area and size of the population likely to be affected);
- (f) the value and vulnerability of the area likely to be affected due to—
  - (i) special natural characteristics or cultural heritage;
  - (ii) exceeded environmental quality standards or limit values; or
  - (iii) intensive land-use; and
- (g) the effects on areas or landscapes which have a recognised national, Community or international protection status.



The screening assessment of the Great Somerford and Startley Neighbourhood Plan is set out below:

Criteria (Schedule 1 SEA Regs.)	Significant environmental effects likely?	Justification and evidence
<b>1. The characteristics of plans , having regard, in particular, to:</b>		
(a) the degree to which the plan sets a framework for projects and other activities, either with regard to the location, nature, size and operating conditions or by allocating resources	No	The neighbourhood plan identifies sustainable sites to provide additional affordable housing and market housing. Together the sites will deliver at least 35 houses. The plan also proposes to amend the existing settlement boundaries. This is in accordance with Core Policies 1 and 2 of the Core Strategy which has been subject to SEA.
(b) the degree to which the plan influences other plans and programmes including those in a hierarchy	No	The neighbourhood plan is produced by the local community to influence development at the local level. It does not influence Strategic plans higher up in the hierarchy.
(c) the relevance of the plan for the integration of environmental considerations in particular with a view to promoting sustainable development	No	The neighbourhood plan is a land-use plan that promotes sustainable development. The plan identifies areas of open space to be protected from future development. Great Somerford has a conservation area and a number of listed buildings. The housing site allocations policies and the plan's evidence base adequately justify that the allocations would not result in likely significant effects on heritage assets. Where required, mitigation measures are identified. Wiltshire Council's Conservation Officer is satisfied that the site assessments and site allocations policies appropriately address heritage matters.
(d) environmental problems relevant to the plan	No	There are two county wildlife sites located south of Great Somerford, one county wildlife site located south west of Startley and the River Avon borders the plan area to the north. However, the plan is not promoting development over and above that contained in the Wiltshire Core Strategy, which has been subject to SEA and HRA. The neighbourhood plan proposes to allocate sites to deliver about 35 houses. The sites are located in Great Somerford, which is designated as a large village in the Wiltshire Core Strategy core policies 2 and 13. The sites are either within or adjacent to the settlement boundary. The amount of development proposed, the location and type of development is in conformity with the Core Strategy and it is not considered likely there will be significant environmental problems. Great Somerford has a conservation area and a number of listed buildings. The housing site allocations policies and the plan's evidence base adequately justify that the allocations would not result in likely significant effects on heritage assets. Where required, mitigation measures are identified. Wiltshire Council's Conservation Officer is satisfied that the site assessments and site allocations policies appropriately address heritage matters.

(e) the relevance of the plan for the implementation of Community legislation on the environment (for example, plans and programmes linked to waste management or water protection).	No	The neighbourhood plan is not relevant as a plan for implementing community legislation.
<b>2. Characteristics of the effects and of the area likely to be affected, having regard, in particular, to:</b>		
(a) the probability, duration, frequency and reversibility of the effects	No	Any environmental effects are not considered to be significant judging by the proposals in the neighbourhood plan. Any effects of the limited amount of development proposed is likely to be localised and short-term and related to the construction stage. Through detailed work on the site allocations, the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group has given consideration to the potential for significant effects on heritage assets but the assessments have not resulted in evidence that the proposed allocations would have such effects. Wiltshire Council's Conservation Officer is satisfied that the site assessments and site allocations policies appropriately address heritage matters.
(b) the cumulative nature of the effects	No	No cumulative effects considered to be significant.
(c) the transboundary nature of the effects		No transboundary effects with other EU countries considered to be significant.
(d) the risks to human health or the environment (for example, due to accidents)	No	No environmental effects considered likely to risk human health or the environment.
(e) the magnitude and spatial extent of the effects (geographical area and size of the population likely to be affected);	No	The neighbourhood plan covers a parish which includes the villages of Great Somerford and Startley. The two villages are approximately one mile apart and are separated, in the main by open farm land. They have a population of approximately 737 residents (ONS census 2011). Significant effects due to the geographic size of the area and population size are not considered likely.

<p>(f) the value and vulnerability of the area likely to be affected due to—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) special natural characteristics or cultural heritage;</li> <li>(ii) exceeded environmental quality standards or limit values; or</li> <li>(iii) intensive land-use;</li> </ul>	<p>No</p>	<p>There are two county wildlife sites located south of Great Somerford, one county wildlife site located south west of Startley and the River Avon borders the plan area to the north. The majority of the village of Great Somerford is designated as a conservation area and there are a high number of listed buildings. However, development proposed that is in conformity with the Core Strategy, in particular Core Policies 50 and 58, is not considered likely to significantly affect these environmental assets. The neighbourhood plan will also contain policy to protect, conserve and where possible enhance the conservation area and County Wildlife Sites and is therefore not considered likely to significantly affect these important heritage and environmental assets. Great Somerford has a conservation area and a number of listed buildings. The housing site allocations policies and the plan's evidence base adequately justify that the allocations would not result in significant effects on heritage assets. Where required, mitigation measures are identified to maintain the setting of heritage assets. Wiltshire Council's Conservation Officer is satisfied that the site assessments and site allocations policies appropriately address heritage matters.</p>
<p>(g) the effects on areas or landscapes which have a recognised national, Community or international protection status.</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>There aren't any national or international landscape/biodiversity designations within and on the edge of the plan area. There are four county wildlife sites in the plan area. The majority of Great Somerford is a conservation area and there are a number of listed buildings in the village. Development which is in conformity with the Core Strategy, in particular Core Policies 50 and 58, is not considered likely to significantly affect these important heritage and environmental assets. The plan's evidence has paid particular attention to the site allocation's effects on heritage assets. The assessments concluded that there would be no significant effects but where appropriate, additional measures are proposed in the site allocations policies to preserve the setting of heritage assets. Wiltshire Council's Conservation Officer is satisfied that the site assessments and site allocations policies appropriately address heritage matters.</p>

## 5. SEA Screening decision

- 5.1 Regulation 9 of the SEA Regulations requires that the responsible authority shall determine whether or not a plan is likely to have significant environmental effects. The responsible authority shall —
- (a) take into account the criteria specified in Schedule 1 to these Regulations; and
  - (b) consult the consultation bodies.
- 5.2 Where the responsible authority determines that the plan is unlikely to have significant environmental effects (and, accordingly, does not require an environmental assessment), it shall prepare a statement of its reasons for the determination.
- 5.3 Wiltshire Council considers that the proposed Great Somerford and Startley Neighbourhood Plan is **unlikely to have significant environmental effects and accordingly does not require a Strategic Environmental Assessment**. This decision is made for the following key reasons:
1. The neighbourhood plan proposals are considered to be in general conformity with the emerging Wiltshire Core Strategy which has been subject to SEA and HRA assessments. The Core Strategy was adopted on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2015.
  2. The neighbourhood plan is not proposing additional development over and above that described in the emerging Core Strategy. In the settlement strategy outlined in Core Policy 1 Great Somerford is identified as a large village whilst Startley is a small settlement not identified in the settlement strategy. Great Somerford has a settlement boundary. Startley is located outside the settlement boundary. The Core Strategy states that development at Large Villages will be limited to that needed to help meet the housing needs of settlements and to improve employment opportunities, services and facilities. There is a general presumption against development outside the defined limits of development, although the strategy will allow carefully managed development in specific cases such as when brought forward through a neighbourhood plan.
  3. The neighbourhood plan area includes several county wildlife sites and a conservation area, all of which will restrict the location of new development. The neighbourhood plan will include policy to protect and enhance these valuable environmental and heritage assets with the allocation of development sites only to be located in sustainable locations. The plan's evidence has paid particular attention to the site allocation's effects on heritage assets. The assessments concluded that there would be no significant effects but where appropriate, additional measures are referenced in the site allocations policies to preserve the setting of heritage assets.
- 5.4 This screening decision has been sent to Natural England, the Environment Agency and Historic England for their opinions and their responses will be attached to this report as an appendix.

## **6. Statutory consultee response to screening decision**

- 6.1 Natural England, Environment Agency and English Heritage, as statutory consultation bodies under Regulation 9 of the SEA Regulations, were consulted on this SEA screening determination between 8 July 2016 and 5 August 2016. All three bodies agreed with the screening determination of Wiltshire Council that the Great Somerford Neighbourhood Plan is unlikely to have significant environmental effects and accordingly does not require a Strategic Environmental Assessment..
- 6.2 Wiltshire Council's request for comments on this screening determination from the three statutory consultation bodies is presented in Appendix A. The responses received from the three consultation bodies, agreeing with the screening determination, is presented in Appendix B.

**Appendix A – Request for consultation response on screening determination from statutory consultation bodies**



**Subject:** Great Somerford Neighbourhood Plan - SEA Screening Decision Consultation  
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**Importance:** High

Dear [redacted]

We are advising the Great Somerford (incorporating Startley) Neighbourhood Plan steering group on their neighbourhood plan and we have produced a revised SEA screening decision. Wiltshire Council, as 'responsible authority' under the SEA Regulations, must issue a statement of its reasons for the determination and consult the designated consultation bodies.

We are undertaking this consultation as the steering group undertook additional work on the plan's evidence in regards to heritage matters, following Historic England's comments on the previous SEA Screening consultation. To this end, I attach the latest version of the draft plan and the new evidence on heritage matters. You previously confirmed that from your agency's perspective no SEA is required (email dated 5 August 2015).

I also attach the SEA screening decision. The plan seeks to protect and enhance its environmental, built and cultural heritage whilst proposing limited development in accordance with relevant policies of the Wiltshire Core Strategy. The screening decision gives our reasons for the plan not requiring an SEA. The plan would be unlikely to have significant environmental effects. It is in general conformity with the Wiltshire Core Strategy which has been subject to a Strategic Environmental Assessment. The Council's Conservation Officer has confirmed that she is satisfied with the revised version of the plan, including the additional information (see attached email dated 7 July 2016).

Should you have any additional comments on the plan and the additional evidence, please could you provide a response with any comments by 5 August 2016?

Many thanks in advance.

Regards

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We are undertaking this consultation as the steering group undertook additional work on the plan's evidence in regards to heritage matters, following your comments on the previous SEA Screening consultation (email dated 26 May 2015). To this end I attach the latest version of the draft plan and key appendices with the revised housing site assessments. The Council's Conservation Officer has confirmed that she is satisfied with the revised version of the plan, including the additional evidence (see attached email dated 7 July 2016).

Please also see the screening statement attached which gives our reasons for the plan not requiring an SEA. Please could you provide a response with any comments by 5 August 2016 or before if at all possible?

Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

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Regards

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## **Appendix B – Consultation responses from statutory consultation bodies**

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Wiltshire Council  
Planning Policy  
County Hall Bythesea Road  
Trowbridge  
Wiltshire  
BA14 8JD

**Our ref:** WX/2009/110257/OR-  
31/IS2-L01  
**Your ref:**  
**Date:** 04 August 2016

Dear [REDACTED]

**SEA – GREAT SOMERFORD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Thank you for re-consulting us on the above SEA screening decision for the Great Somerford Neighbourhood Plan.

We have no further comments to add to those given in our letter of 05 August 2015.

We note your decision that the Plan does not require a SEA and would continue to concur with this decision.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

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**Subject:** RE: Great Somerford Neighbourhood Plan - SEA Screening Decision Consultation

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Hi [REDACTED]

Yes, sorry not to have got back to you before now.

The additional evidence prepared to rationalise the site allocations is very impressive. It identifies the key heritage assets and the nature of their significance to help inform both the suitability of sites for allocation, the number of units each can accommodate, and necessary design/mitigation measures.

We are reassured too by the involvement of your conservation officer and their approval of the eventual outcomes. The input of appropriate professional heritage advice is hugely beneficial to the exercise – to ensure that assessments are being carried out to an appropriate and proportionate methodology, thereby avoiding unnecessary effort and expenditure of resources.

I can therefore confirm that we are now happy with the view that an SEA will not be required. It can be noted too that the exercises undertaken also demonstrate the Plan's conformity with national and local (heritage) planning policy.

Kind regards

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**Subject:** FW: Great Somerford Neighbourhood Plan - SEA Screening Decision Consultation  
**Importance:** High

Dear [REDACTED]

I was wondering if you had any comments on the SEA Screening Decision I sent you on the 8<sup>th</sup> July?

Kind regards

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Dear [Redacted]

We have no additional comments.

Regards,

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