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Dear Stephanie

**Hythe & Dibden Neighbourhood Plan – SEA and HRA Scoping Opinion**

Thank you for your letter dated 12 October 2018 regarding the requirements for the revised draft Hythe & Dibden Neighbourhood Plan to be subject to a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA).

As you are aware, the National Park Authority undertook a revised scoping assessment on the proposed Neighbourhood Plan in October 2018. This factored in that the scope of the Plan has been reduced with the deletion of the proposed land allocations for housing and other forms of infrastructure.

The Authority's revised SEA and HRA scoping opinion was shared with the three statutory consultation bodies – the Environment Agency, Historic England and Natural England – on 23 October 2018. I can confirm we have received responses from all of the consultation bodies who endorse the Authority's conclusion that a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) are no longer required for the Hythe & Dibden Neighbourhood Plan.

For your information I have attached the final version of the Authority's screening opinion and please get back to me with any further queries on this.

Yours sincerely

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