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Dear Mr Sadler

HARVINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN- SEA AND HRA SCREENING

Thank you for your consultation and the invitation to comment on the SEA and HRA Screening Document for the above Neighbourhood Plan.

For the purposes of consultations on SEA Screening Opinions, Historic England confines its advice to the question, "Is it likely to have a significant effect on the environment?" in respect of our area of concern, cultural heritage.

Our comments are based on the information supplied with the screening request. On the basis of the information supplied and in the context of the criteria set out in Schedule 1 of the Environmental Assessment Regulations [Annex II of the 'SEA' Directive], Historic England is of the view that the preparation of a Strategic Environmental Assessment is **unlikely** to be required in relation to the allocated housing site under consideration, which the SEA Screening highlights as being additional to the allocations in the adopted SWDP.

This relates to the evident lack of nationally significant heritage both within and beyond the site, with the Harvington conservation area being quite distant. A further factor is the detailed analysis already undertaken as part of the Neighbourhood Plan (AECOM site assessment and Village Characterisation Statement) allied with the mitigation offered by the Neighbourhood Plans Environmental Policies.

Regarding HRA Historic England does not disagree with your conclusions but would defer to the opinions of the other statutory consultees.

The views of the other statutory consultation bodies should be taken into account before the overall decision on the need for a SEA is made. If a decision is made to undertake a SEA, please note that Historic England has published guidance on Sustainability Appraisal / Strategic Environmental Assessment and the Historic Environment that is relevant to both local and neighbourhood planning and available at: <https://www.historicengland.org.uk/images-books/publications/sustainability-appraisal-and-strategic-environmental-assessment-advice-note-8/>

I trust the above comments will be of help in taking forward the Neighbourhood Plan.



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