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Chaddesley Corbett

NDP Review

SEA Screening Assessment

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1. Introduction

- 1.1 Kirkwells Planning Consultants has prepared this screening report on behalf of Chaddesley Corbett Parish Council to support the Parish Council in determining whether the contents of the proposed Chaddesley Corbett Neighbourhood Plan Review are likely to require a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA).
- 1.2 The requirement to undertake environmental assessment of plans and programmes was established in the EU Directive 2001/42/EC (SEA Directive), transposed into English law in the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004. Under the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations SEA is required where a plan or programme is likely to have a significant effect on the environment. The assessment provides the main mechanism for ensuring that the environmental implications of decisions are considered before decisions are made and should be an integral part of plan preparation where potential for significant effects on the environment have been identified.

2. Background

- 2.1 Neighbourhood Planning gives local communities the opportunity to prepare planning documents for their area, enabling them to shape the future of where they live and giving them greater ownership of the plans and policies that affect them. Introduced under the Localism Act in 2011 Neighbourhood Plans provide a relatively new tier of planning policy.
- 2.2 The Development Plan is the strategic framework that guides land use planning for the area. This currently consists of the Wyre Forest District Local Plan (2016-2036), Chaddesley Corbett Neighbourhood Plan (September 2014) and Churchill and Blakedown Neighbourhood Plan (July 2017).
- 2.3 The Wyre Forest District Local Plan (2016-2036) was formally adopted by Wyre Forest District Council on 26th April 2022. The SEA Screening Assessment has been updated prior to submission of the Review Plan.
- 2.4 The Neighbourhood Plan area for Chaddesley Corbett was formally designated on 14th September 2012. This confirmed the Parish Council's commitment to preparing a Neighbourhood Plan and identified the proposed Neighbourhood Plan area. The NDP was prepared through a thorough and wide-ranging process of community consultation and engagement and, following an independent examination, was supported by a majority Yes vote at a local referendum. The NDP was made by Wyre Forest District Council and came into effect on 25th September 2014. A Sustainability Appraisal Report was published in January 2014 by Wyre Forest District Council and Chaddesley Corbett Parish Council. In accordance with the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Regulations, the report incorporated SEA criteria as part of the wider SA process.
- 2.5 Chaddesley Corbett Parish Council has updated the made NDP and prepared a Review Neighbourhood Plan. The NDP Review process is considered to comprise material modifications.

- 2.6 The Chaddesley Corbett Draft Modified Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) was published for formal consultation (Regulation 14) from Tuesday 1st March 2022 until Friday 22nd April 2022, a period of just over 7 weeks. The consultation responses led to a couple of very minor changes to the wording of 2 planning policies and some updating and revision of the supporting text. The changes to the Draft Modified Plan are not considered to be so significant as to impact on the earlier screening outcomes.

3.0 Chaddesley Corbett NDP Review

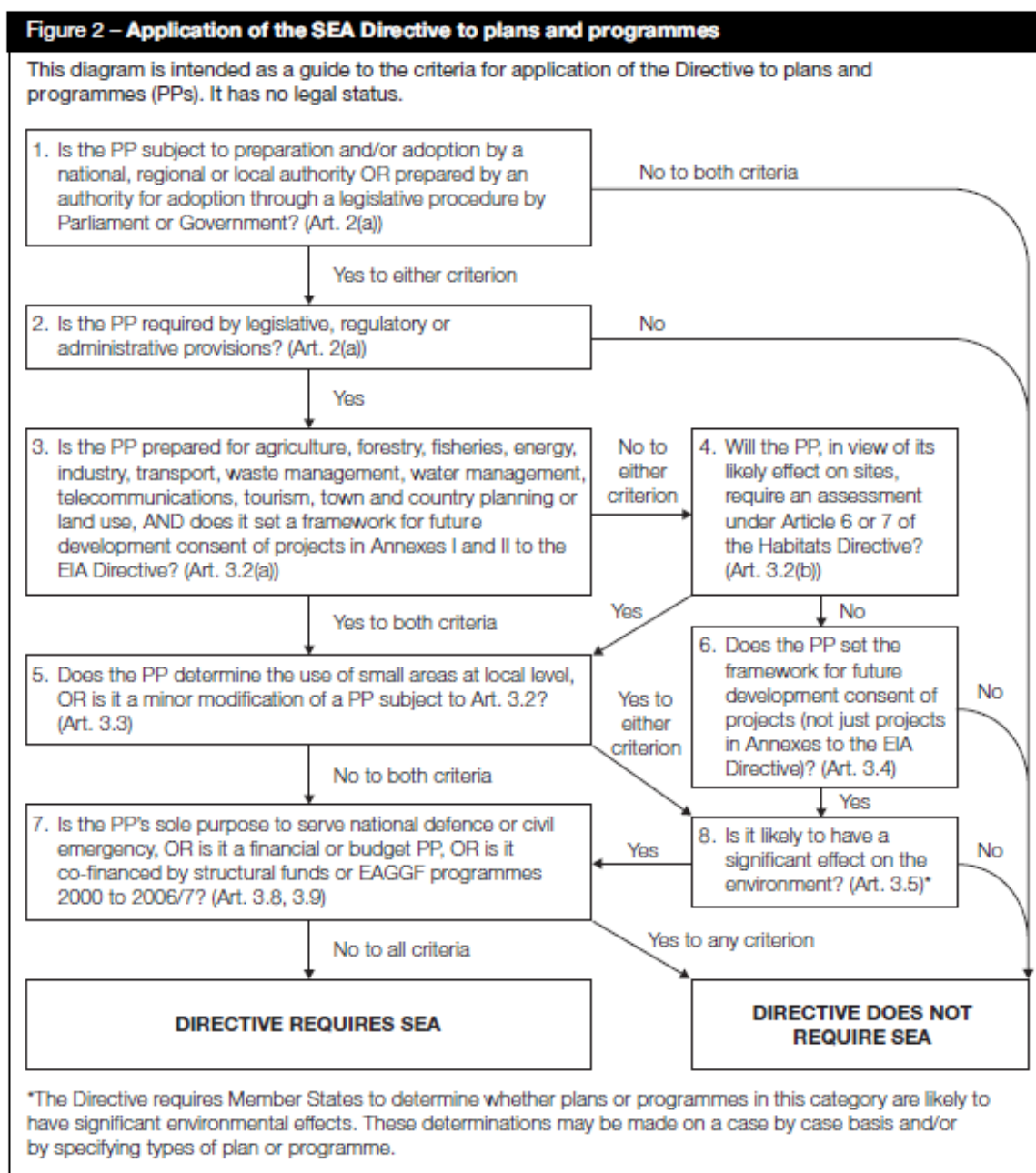
- 3.1 Chaddesley Corbett is a relatively large rural parish, extending over approximately 6,000 acres (2,428 hectares), and lying about 80m above sea level. In addition to the village of Chaddesley Corbett, the Parish incorporates the hamlets of Bellington, Bluntington, Brockencote, Cakebole, Hillpool, Drayton, Harvington, Lower Chaddesley, Mustow Green (East), Tanwood, Winterfold and Woodrow. The population of the Parish is 1,422 (2011 Census).
- 3.2 The Parish is washed over by the Green Belt and enjoys an attractive countryside setting of small hamlets, larger settlements, ancient woodland and large areas of farmland. There are 67 listed buildings within the Parish, of which two are Grade I (St Cassian's Church and Harvington Hall), and the Parish has two Conservation Areas - Chaddesley Corbett and Harvington. Chaddesley Wood (a NNR and SSSI) is an important feature of the Parish and can be accessed by public footpaths.
- 3.3 The Review NDP includes a Vision and 6 Objectives. The Objectives are:
- Objective 1 - To promote health and wellbeing for all by providing opportunities for parishioners across the generations to find enjoyment and fulfilment through a range of educational and leisure activities.
 - Objective 2 - To identify and support a local Green Infrastructure Network so that the countryside and wildlife are valued and enjoyed by everyone.
 - Objective 3 - To support small-scale affordable housing developments that meet local needs and are in keeping with the scale, demands and population profile of a small rural parish.
 - Objective 4 - To support local businesses and services that contribute to the quality of life for residents and visitors of all ages, including proposals for suitable rural diversification.
 - Objective 5 - To protect and enhance the built and historic environment for present and future generations by ensuring change is managed sensitively and development is of a high design quality.
 - Objective 6 - To ensure that the Parish is a welcoming setting for visitors by improving facilities within the context of a safe and secure rural environment, accessible via a range of means of transport.
- 3.4 The Review NDP includes local planning policies which:
- Protect and enhance local community facilities and Green Infrastructure (Policies CF1 Supporting Health and Wellbeing, CF2 Protecting the Local Group of Shops and Public Houses in Chaddesley Corbett and other Local Facilities, and G11 Local Green Infrastructure Network and Biodiversity)

- Set out local criteria for new housing development (Policies H1 House Types, Sizes and Tenures, H3 Criteria for Assessing the Suitability of Potential Housing Sites, H4 Backland and Rear and Side Garden Development and Extensions and C1 Conversion of Insubstantial Buildings)
- Identify 3 housing site allocations for local needs housing (Policy H2 Site Allocations for Affordable Housing in Chaddesley Corbett and Site Allocations H2/1, H2/2 and H2/3)
- Support suitable local employment opportunities (Policies B1 Small Scale Employment Proposals on Previously Developed Sites and Conversions of Former Agricultural Buildings for Business Use and B2 Working from Home)
- Promote high quality design by protecting and enhancing local character and heritage assets (Policies D1 Promoting High Quality Design in New Development, D2 Architectural Details and Materials and D3 Protecting and Enhancing Heritage Assets and Archaeology)
- Protect a number of Local Green Spaces and important views (Policies D5 Local Green Spaces and D4 Protected Views and Landmarks)
- Require consideration of parking and access (Policy T1 Parking in the Village).

4. SEA Screening

- 4.1 The draft Neighbourhood Plan Review has been assessed using guidance provided in the Department of the Environment 'A Practical Guide to the Strategic Environmental Assessment Directive' (September 2005) (Figure 2). This describes the process through which plans and programmes should be assessed.

Figure 1: Application of the SEA Directive to plans and programmes



- 4.2 The Parish Council has followed this process with the findings of the assessment described in Table 1.

Table 1: SEA Assessment

Stage	Y/N	Reason
1. Is the PP (plan or programme) subject to preparation and/or adoption by a national, regional or local authority or prepared by an authority for adoption through a legislative procedure by Parliament or Government? (ART. 2 (a))	Y	The Neighbourhood Plan Review is not a Development Plan Document, however if the document receives 50% or more 'yes' votes through a referendum it will be 'made' (adopted) by Wyre Forest District Council.
2. Is the PP required by legislative, regulatory or administrative provisions (ART. 2 (a))	N	<p>Communities have a right to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan, however they are not required by legislative, regulatory or administrative purposes to produce one.</p> <p>The Plan Review however if adopted would form part of the Development Plan and as such it is considered necessary to answer the following questions to determine further if SEA is required.</p>
3. Is the PP prepared for agriculture, forestry, fisheries, energy, industry, transport, waste management, water management, telecommunications, tourism, town and country planning or land use, and does it set a framework for future development consent of projects in Annexes I and II of the EIA Directive? (Art 3.2 (a))	Y	The Neighbourhood Plan is being prepared for town and country planning and land use and will when adopted set out a framework for future development in the Neighbourhood Plan designated area. This could potentially include uses detailed in Annexes I and II of the EIA Directive.
4. Will the PP, in view of its likely effects on sites, require an assessment for future development under Article 6 or 7 of the Habitats Directive? (Art 3.2 (b))	N	<p>The proximity of two European sites (SACs) within approx. 15 km of the NDP area boundary indicates that there could be potential for the plan to have a significant adverse effect on a European site. The existence of 3 proposed site allocations for housing in the NDP Review are considered to make this possible.</p> <p>However the citations for both SAC sites set out that the qualifying species is Great crested newts <i>Triturus cristatus</i> and the NDP boundary and proposed housing sites are of sufficient distance from the SACs to avoid likely significant environmental impacts.</p> <p>This is confirmed in the initial HRA screening of the Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>There is also a strong focus of the Plan on the environment and existence of higher-level Local Plan and other plan policies should help to mitigate any significant effects.</p>

Stage	Y/N	Reason
5. Does the PP determine the use of small areas at local level, or is it a minor modification of a PP subject to Art. 3.2? (Art. 3.3)	Y	<p>The Neighbourhood Plan has potential to determine the use of small areas at a local level, whether that is through the application of detailed criteria or the allocation of land.</p> <p>It does not propose to significantly increase the quantum of development already planned for in the Local Plan.</p>
6. Does the PP set the framework for future development consent of projects (not just projects in annexes to the EIA Directive)? (ART 3.4)	Y	<p>The Neighbourhood Plan Review contains 3 proposed site allocations which support the principle of affordable housing.</p> <p>The Review also contains policies through which planning applications within the designated area will be determined.</p>
7. Is the PP's sole purpose to serve the national defence or civil emergency, or is it a financial or budget PP, or is it co-financed by structural funds or EAGGF programmes 2000 to 2006/07? (Art 3.8, 3.9)	N	N/A
8. Is it likely to have a significant effect on the environment? (Art 3.5)	?	<p>The Neighbourhood Plan will need to be in full conformity with national planning policy and general conformity with local planning policy. This includes policies contained in the Local Plan.</p> <p>Built heritage assets in the NDP area include 2 conservation areas (Chaddesley Corbett and Harvington) and 67 listed buildings. There are also numerous non designated heritage assets.</p> <p>It is noted that there are 3 proposed site allocations within the Neighbourhood Plan area. None lie within a conservation area or include listed buildings although 1 (H2/1) lies close to the southern boundary of Chaddesley Corbett Conservation Area.</p> <p>The policies within the Plan are criteria based and place a strong focus on protecting the natural environment and the historic environment. Design Codes have been prepared and these have informed design policies which aim to protect local character and built and natural heritage.</p> <p>Given the nature of the plan, and the 3 proposed site allocations, the Parish Council would conclude that the Plan is unlikely to have a significant effect on the environment.</p>

Stage	Y/N	Reason
		Confirmation on this was requested from the three statutory bodies.

4.3 Further analysis on the likely significant effects of the Neighbourhood Plan in relation to Schedule 1 of the Regulations is provided in Table 2 below.

Table 2: Schedule 1 of the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004

SEA Requirement The characteristics of plans and programmes, having regard, in particular, to:	Comments
(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	The Neighbourhood Plan has potential to determine the use of small areas at a local level, whether that is through the application of detailed criteria or the allocation of land.
b) the degree to which the plan or programme influences other plans and programmes including those in a hierarchy	The Plan sits in a hierarchy and must be in conformity with strategic policies in the development plan. It is unlikely to influence other plans and programmes.
(c) the relevance of the plan or programme for the integration of environmental considerations in particular with a view to promoting sustainable development	The Neighbourhood Plan will promote sustainable development. It has a strong focus on environmental protection and ensuring natural and built assets are protected. This includes protection of heritage assets.
(d) environmental problems relevant to the plan or programme	There are known problems related to fluvial and surface water flooding in the neighbourhood area and water courses drain into the Hoo Brook and Hadley Brook Water Framework Directive (WFD) water catchments. Neither of these water bodies has reached Good Ecological Status which is required by 2027.
(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).	The Neighbourhood Plan has no relevance to the implementation of Community legislation.
(a) the probability, duration, frequency and reversibility of the effects	<p>The Neighbourhood Plan covers a 14 year plan period and seeks to meet residents' needs balanced with the protection of the wider natural and historic environment. The need to maintain the historic nature, biodiversity and landscape of the Parish is given a strong focus.</p> <p>The Plan places a strong emphasis on protecting the environmental qualities,</p>

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	<p>historic assets and local community needs of the area.</p> <p>The proposed site allocations make it possible that significant effects will occur.</p>
(b) the cumulative nature of the effects	<p>The proposed site allocations make it likely that negative significant environmental effects will occur either individually or cumulatively with other development and decisions.</p> <p>The protective criteria however will assist with mitigating any negative significant environmental effects individually or cumulatively with other development and decisions.</p> <p>The Plan must also be in conformity with the Wyre Forest District Local Plan. This will ensure the protection of environmental assets.</p> <p>Following consultation with Wyre Forest DC, officers advised that as there was only one small potential development site (4 dwellings) proposed for allocation through the Wyre Forest Local Plan 2016-36 within the parish, there was not considered to be a requirement to consider any cumulative impacts of development. This site allocation has not been carried forward into the adopted Local Plan.</p>
(c) the transboundary nature of the effects	<p>There are no transboundary effects. The Plan applies to the Neighbourhood Plan only.</p>
(d) the risks to human health or the environment (for example, due to accidents)	<p>The Plan poses no risk to human health.</p> <p>In fact, the Plan is likely to improve human health by supporting improvements to local community and healthcare facilities and improving access to green spaces and the countryside.</p>
(e) the magnitude and spatial extent of the effects (geographical area and size of the population likely to be affected)	<p>Chaddesley Corbett is a relatively large rural parish, extending over approximately 2,428 hectares and a population of 1,422 (2011 Census).</p> <p>Effects are considered to be limited to the Neighbourhood Plan area only.</p>

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<p>(f) the value and vulnerability of the area likely to be affected due to -</p> <p>(i) special natural characteristics or cultural heritage;</p> <p>(ii) exceeded environmental quality standards or limit values; or</p> <p>(iii) intensive land-use; and</p>	<p>The Parish is washed over by the Green Belt and enjoys an attractive countryside setting of small hamlets, larger settlements, ancient woodland and large areas of farmland. There are 67 listed buildings within the Parish, of which two are Grade I (St Cassian's Church and Harvington Hall), and the Parish has two Conservation Areas - Chaddesley Corbett and Harvington.</p> <p>Natural heritage assets within the Parish include Chaddesley Wood NNR and SSSI, and three Special Wildlife Sites at Mearse Farm Heath, Hoo and Barnet Brook, and Hadley, Elmley and Hockley Brooks.</p> <p>Whilst there is potential for impacts on environmental and heritage assets the wording of the plan and strong focus on protection make this unlikely. The Plan is very much focussed on ensuring that the special qualities of this area are protected.</p> <p>The plan contains specific policies for the protection of these assets including their settings.</p>
<p>(g) the effects on areas or landscapes which have a recognised national, Community or international protection status.</p>	<p>The Plan is very much focussed on ensuring that the special qualities of this area are protected.</p>

5. Screening Outcome

- 5.1 Initial internal screening of the Neighbourhood Plan concluded that it is likely that the Neighbourhood Plan would not result in a significant environmental effect due to the distance of the 3 proposed site allocations for new housing from the nearest SACs, and the strong focus of the Neighbourhood Plan on the protection of the natural environment and built heritage assets which should help to mitigate any significant effects.
- 5.2 The Parish Council is satisfied that the Plan is unlikely to result in significant negative effects and policies and proposals may lead to positive effects.
- 5.3 Under its 'duty to support', Wyre Forest District Council reviewed the SEA Screening Assessment and agreed that, based on the preparation of the July 2021 Draft Version of the NDP Review, the NDP did not require a full Environmental Report.

5.4 The views of the three statutory bodies are provided in Appendix 1.

Appendix 1 – Consultation with Three Consultation Bodies (Historic England, Environment Agency, Natural England)

Copy of Email sent to 3 bodies

From: Louise Kirkup <louisekirkup@kirkwells.co.uk>
Sent: 13 September 2021 10:44
To: SM-NE-Consultations (NE) <consultations@naturalengland.org.uk>
Cc: Clerk <clerk@chaddesleyparishcouncil.org.uk>
Subject: Chaddesley Corbett NDP Review

Dear Sir / Madam

As you may be aware, Chaddesley Corbett Parish Council has commenced a formal review of the Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) for the parish. Kirkwells Planning Consultants have been appointed to provide professional town planning consultancy support for the Review.

The emerging Draft Plan Review is at an advanced stage of preparation, and it is intended to be finalised and published for formal, Regulation 14 public consultation in early 2022, following the proposed adoption of the new Wyre Forest Local Plan (2016 - 2036). As part of the Review process draft Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Habitats Regulations Assessment screening reports have been prepared.

The latest (working) version of the Chaddesley Corbett Draft Plan Review (September 2021), HRA Screening Assessment and SEA Screening Assessment reports are attached. Natural England is invited to consider the attached reports and to provide any comments. I would be grateful if you could respond before 31st October 2021.

Thank you for your assistance.

Kind regards
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Attachments

Responses

1. Historic England



Historic England

Ms Louise Kirkup

Direct Dial: 0121 625 6887

Our ref: PL00756210

25 October 2021

Dear Ms Kirkup

CHADDESLEY CORBETT 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 concurs with your view that the preparation of a Strategic Environmental Assessment is not currently required.

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/>



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

Yours sincerely,

P. Boland.

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Further response from Historic England prior to Regulation 14 Consultation, February 2022



Ms Yvonne Scriven

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Chaddesley Corbett Parish Council

Our ref: PL00763103

28 February 2022

Dear Ms Scriven

CHADDESLEY CORBETT NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REVIEW- 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 that we understand is under review.

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Yours sincerely,

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2. Environment Agency

Email

RE: Chaddesley Corbett NDP Review - consultation on SEA and HRA Screening reports

Inbox

Irwin, Graeme <graeme.irwin@environment-agency.gov.uk> 19 Oct 2021, 15:49 (18 hours ago)

to Louise

Good afternoon Louise.

I have attached a copy of my response to the first draft of the Chaddesley Corbett NDP review document. I would have no comments to offer on the SEA/HRA Screening Reports.

Kind regards.

Graeme Irwin

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Date: 19 October 2021

Dear Louise

CHADDESLEY CORBETT NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REVIEW

I refer to your email of the 13 September 2021 in relation to the above Neighbourhood Plan (NP). It is noted that this is a review of the NP which is being progressed for a number of reasons including changes to local and national planning policy and to enable consideration of further sites for local affordable housing

It is important that the NP offers robust confirmation that development is not impacted by flooding and that there is sufficient waste water infrastructure in place to accommodate growth for the duration of the plan period.

Based on our indicative Flood Map for Planning (Rivers and Sea), the NP area is shown to be predominantly located in Flood Zone 1, and therefore has a low fluvial flood risk potential. However, we note there are a number of smaller ordinary watercourses crossing the NP area.

We would not, in the absence of specific sites allocated within areas of fluvial flooding, offer a bespoke comment at this time. You are advised to utilise the attached Environment Agency guidance and pro-forma which should assist you moving forward with your Plan.

It should be noted that the Flood Map provides an indication of 'fluvial' flood risk only. You are advised to discuss matters relating to surface water (pluvial) flooding with the drainage team at Wyre Forest District Council as the Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA).

Whilst the site allocations within the NP are within Flood Zone 1 it is noted that Site H2/1 (Land off Bromsgrove Road, Lower Chaddesley) lies within Source Protection Zone (SPZ) 2 and immediately adjacent to SPZ1. Whilst development within SPZ2 is not considered unacceptable I would draw your attention to the groundwater section

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of the attached guidance and our Groundwater Protection Position Statements which may inform design considerations.

Yours faithfully

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3. Natural England

NE Response 370930: Chaddesley Corbett NDP Review

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20 Oct 2021, 16:44 (17 hours ago)

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For the attention of Ms Louise Kirkup

SEA and HRA Screening of Chaddesley Corbett's Neighbourhood Development Plan REVIEW

Please find attached Natural England's response in relation to the above mentioned consultation.

Kind regards,

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For further information on the Discretionary Advice Service see [here](#)

For further information on the Pre-submission Screening Service see [here](#)

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Dear Ms Kirkup,

SEA and HRA Screening of Chaddesley Corbett's Neighbourhood Development Plan REVIEW

Thank you for your consultation on the above dated 13th September 2021 which was received by Natural England on the same day.

Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.

Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening

We welcome the production of this SEA Screening report. Natural England notes and concurs with the screening outcome i.e. that the 'Plan is unlikely to result in significant negative effects'.

Further guidance on deciding whether the proposals are likely to have significant environmental effects and the requirements for consulting Natural England on SEA are set out in the [National Planning Practice Guidance](#).

Habitats Regulations Assessment Screening

Natural England welcomes the consideration given to the Habitats Regulations. We agree with the conclusion of the report of no likely significant effect upon the named European designated sites:

- Lyppard Grange Ponds Special Area of Conservation (SAC)
- Fens Pools Special Area of Conservation (SAC)

We would be happy to comment further should the need arise but if in the meantime you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

For any new consultations, or to provide further information on this consultation please send your correspondences to consultations@naturalengland.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

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