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Bidford-on-Avon Parish Council
(F.A.O. Elisabeth Uggerloese – Parish Clerk)

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Dave Webb
Executive Director

Dear Elisabeth,

**BIDFORD ON AVON NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN
SCREENING FOR STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (SEA)**

In accordance with the European Directive 2001/42/EC and associated Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 (SEA Regulations), Lepus Consulting prepared a SEA Screening Document on behalf of the Bidford-on-Avon NDP Steering Group and SDC in April 2016 to determine whether the Bidford-on-Avon Neighbourhood Development Plan (BANDP) should be subject to a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA).

The Screening Document explored the potential effects of the proposed BANDP and concluded that on the basis of the SEA Screening Assessment, the BANDP would not result in significant environmental effects in relation to criteria set out in the SEA Regulations or the Habitats and Species Regulations.

This screening document was subsequently submitted to the statutory environmental bodies of Historic England, Environment Agency and Natural England for comment, in accordance with the SEA Regulations. At the time of the report being written, Historic England and Natural England had replied to the consultation, both agreeing that significant environmental effects were not likely to arise as a result of the BANDP and that the preparation of a SEA was unlikely. On 27 May 2016, the Environment Agency replied agreeing with the conclusion of the other two statutory consultees.

Following receipt of the responses from the three statutory consultees and having had an opportunity to review the BANDP and the screening opinion prepared by Lepus Consulting, I write to confirm that Stratford-on-Avon District Council agree with the screening outcome and determine that a SEA is not required in respect of the BANDP.

I hope this is sufficient for your needs. However, should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Matthew Neal, whose details are at the top of this letter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Dave Nash'.

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