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Screening Opinion

Date: 09 February 2016

Dear Sir,

SALFORD PRIORS NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN SEA SCREENING OPINION

SALFORD PRIORS WARKS

Thank you for consulting us on this document.

I can confirm that there will be no significant effects on designated sites as a result of the Salford Priors Neighbourhood Plan.

Yours faithfully

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Dear Sirs

SALFORD PRIORS NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – CONSULTATION DRAFT

Thank you for the invitation to comment on the draft Neighbourhood Plan.

We are supportive of the content of the document particularly its' emphasis on local distinctiveness and the comprehensive approach taken to the wider historic environment, including non-designated heritage assets. We are pleased to see a specific policy (SP3) that sets out to conserve locally significant heritage assets and the need to ensure the sensitive conversion of historic farm and other rural buildings is clearly iterated in Appendix 2.

An outstanding concern that Historic England would wish to see addressed relates to the housing site selection process. We have looked carefully at the text of the Plan and we can see no reference to the Warwickshire Council Historic Environment Record (HER) having been consulted.

If the HER has indeed been consulted it would be very helpful to make explicit reference to this fact in the Plan and this would remove our concern. If a HER search has not been undertaken in relation to the sites concerned then this leaves open the possibility that undesignated Heritage Assets and potential archaeological remains are present on the sites but have not yet been identified. It is important that any such sites should be evaluated and any potential development impacts be mitigated before firm allocations are made.

You will note that the HER Officer for Warwickshire Council has been copied in to the e-mail accompanying this letter for information and I'm sure he would be happy to be of assistance in this respect.

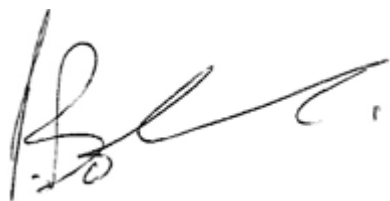
In the same vein it would in any case be appropriate to ensure that appropriate archaeological assessment work is undertaken in advance of any new development taking place. In our view this would most effectively be secured by incorporating a policy requirement that may best sit under Policy SP1: Protecting the Historic Environment, thus:

(k) New development must take account of known surface and sub-surface archaeology, and ensure unknown and potentially significant deposits are identified and appropriately considered during development. Lack of current evidence of sub-surface archaeology must not be taken as proof of absence.

Subject to the comments above being addressed, Historic England consider the Plan to be a well-considered, concise and fit for purpose document that deals effectively with the historic environment and embraces the ethos of “constructive conservation”.

Beyond these observations we have no other substantive comments to make on what English Heritage considers overall is a very good example of community led planning.

Yours faithfully



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Dear Mr Neal

Screening consultation: Salford Priors Neighbourhood Plan SEA and HRA

Thank you for your consultation on the above dated and received by Natural England on 14 July 2015.

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.

Screening Request: Strategic Environmental Assessment

It is our advice, on the basis of the material supplied with the consultation, that, in so far as our strategic environmental interests are concerned (including but not limited to statutory designated sites, landscapes and protected species, geology and soils) are concerned, that there are unlikely to be significant environmental effects from the proposed plan.

Neighbourhood Plan

Guidance on the assessment of Neighbourhood Plans in light of the SEA Directive is contained within the National Planning Practice Guidance. The guidance highlights three triggers that may require the production of an SEA, for instance where:

- a neighbourhood plan allocates sites for development

We have checked our records and based on the information provided, we can confirm that in our view the allocations contained within the plan will not have significant effects on sensitive sites that Natural England has a statutory duty to protect.

We are not aware of significant populations of protected species which are likely to be affected by the policies within the plan. It remains the case, however, that the responsible authority should provide information supporting this screening decision, sufficient to assess whether protected species are likely to be affected.

Notwithstanding this advice, Natural England does not routinely maintain locally specific data on all potential environmental assets. As a result the responsible authority should raise environmental issues that we have not identified on local or national biodiversity action plan species and/or habitats, local wildlife sites or local landscape character, with its own ecological and/or landscape advisers, local record centre, recording society or wildlife body on the local landscape and

biodiversity receptors that may be affected by this plan, before determining whether an SEA is necessary.

Please note that Natural England reserves the right to provide further comments on the environmental assessment of the plan beyond this SEA screening stage, should the responsible authority seek our views on the scoping or environmental report stages. This includes any third party appeal against any screening decision you may make.

Habitat Regulations Assessment

Natural England is also in agreement that a HRA is not required for this neighbourhood plan. There are no European sites in close proximity to the neighbourhood area and it is not likely to lead to adverse effects on European sites.

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 queries relating to the specific advice in this letter only please contact Kayleigh Cheese on 0300 060 1411. For any new consultations, or to provide further information on this consultation please send your correspondences to consultations@naturalengland.org.uk.

We really value your feedback to help us improve the service we offer. We have attached a feedback form to this letter and welcome any comments you might have about our service.

Yours sincerely

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