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Dear Mr Evans

Planning consultation: Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening Report of the Ettington & Fulready Neighbourhood Development Plan

Thank you for your consultation on the above dated 31 August 2017 which was received by Natural England on 31 August 2017.

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

Natural England welcomes the Screening Report which assesses the requirement for Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) for the Ettington & Fulready Neighbourhood Development Plan. Natural England agrees with the report, our advice is detailed below.

We note that in section 1.4.7. the report identifies the nearest SSSIs to the plan area namely Knavenhill Wood SSSI, Oxhouse Farm SSSI, Loxley Church Meadow SSSI and Lobbington Hall Farm Meadow SSSI and we agree that, subject to the development types identified in the screening report, these SSSIs should not be significantly affected by proposals in the plan area and can be screened out.

However taking into consideration the location of some of the proposed land allocations safeguarded for future housing in relation to the Local Wildlife Sites, Public Rights of Way and agricultural land we agree with section 2.5.2, 2.7.3 and 2.11.6 of Screening outcome that some minor effects on the local biodiversity, public footpath and soils may occur as a result of potential proposals in the NDP.

Habitats Regulations Assessment Screening

Natural England notes the screening process applied to this Neighbourhood plan. We agree with the Council's conclusion of no likely significant effect upon the named European designated sites:

- [Bredon Hill](#) Special Area of Conservation located approximately 28k away
- [Dixton Wood](#) Special Area of Conservation located approximately 33k away

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 Yana Burlachka on 02082256013. 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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