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Acronyms

EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
LNR	Local Nature Reserve
NDP	Neighbourhood Development Plan
NPPF	National Planning Policy Framework
ODPM	Office of the Deputy Prime Minister
PP	Policy or Programme
SA	Sustainability Appraisal
SEA	Strategic Environmental Assessment
SSSI	Site of Special Scientific Interest

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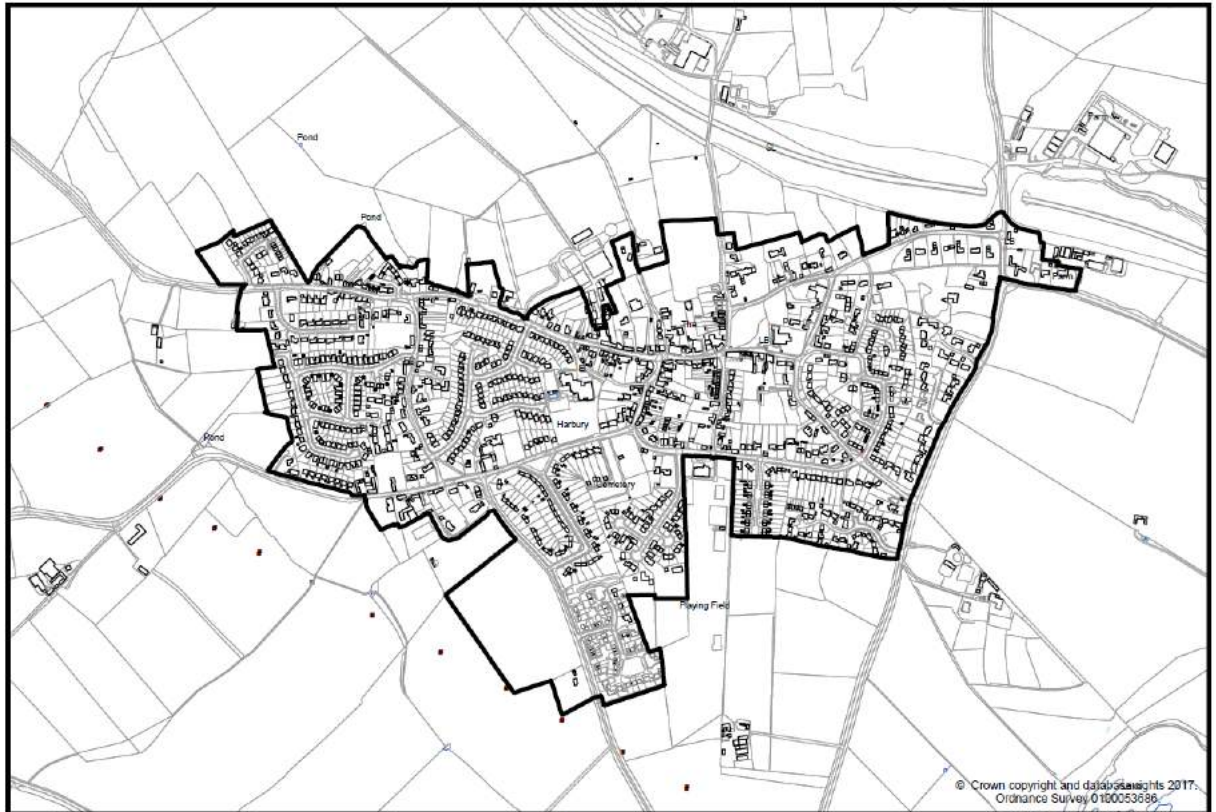
1 Introduction

1.1 This report

1.1.1 This screening report has been prepared to determine whether the Harbury and Deppers Bridge Neighbourhood Development Plan 2031 (Neighbourhood Development Plan, NDP) should be subject to a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) in accordance with the European Directive 2001/42/EC (SEA Directive) and associated Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 (SEA Regulations).

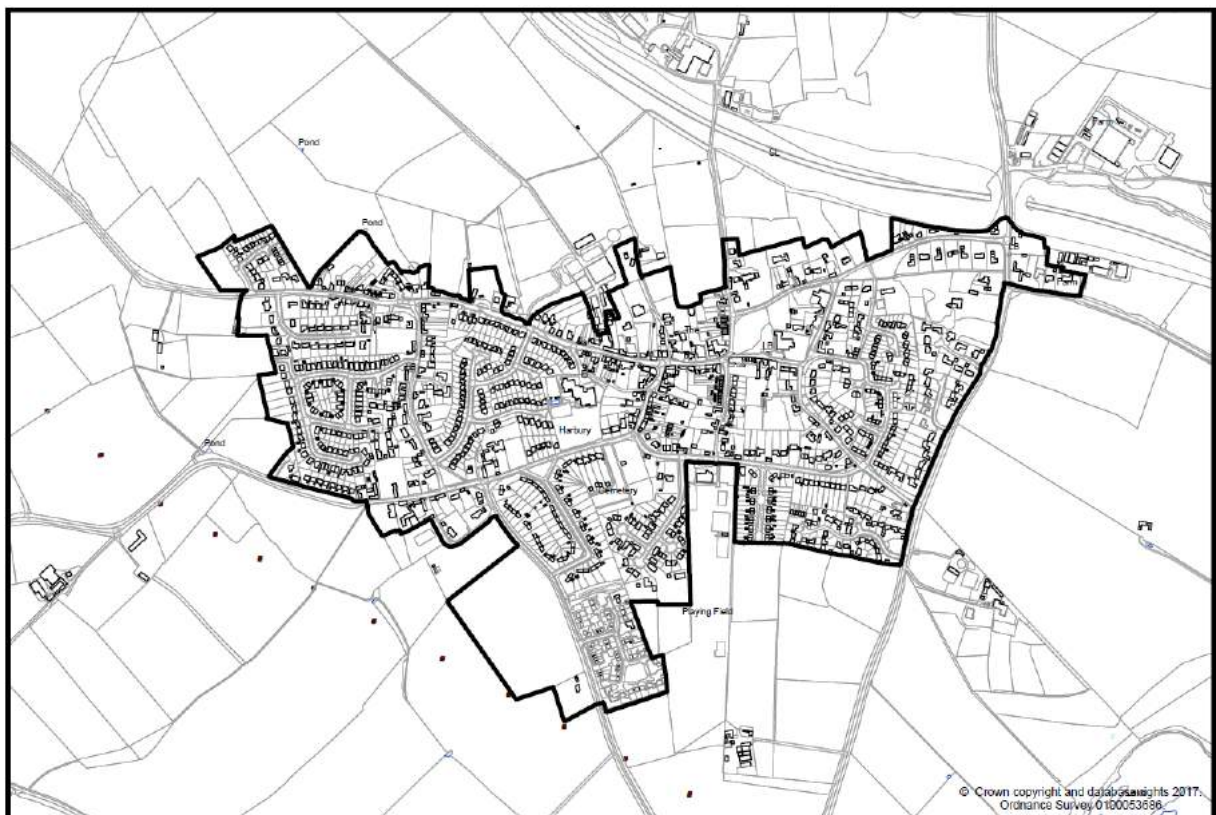
1.1.2 The Harbury and Deppers Bridge NDP was subject to an SEA screening consultation in October 2016. The SEA Screening found that the NDP was not likely to have a significant environmental effect, a conclusion agreed upon by the statutory consultees.

1.1.3 Since that time, the NDP has been amended to include a revised settlement (Policy H.01 of the NDP refers) shown in **Figure 1.1**. As a result, the NDP will be subject to an additional consultation under Regulation 14 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012. This SEA Screening Report has also been reviewed and is now subject to an additional consultation. This updated SEA Screening Report finds no likely significant effect on the environment and that the Harbury and Deppers Bridge Neighbourhood Development Plan should be screened out of the SEA process.



Built-up Area Boundary

Figure 1.1: Original Settlement Boundary



Built-up Area Boundary

Figure 1.2: Revised Settlement Boundary

1.2 Strategic Environmental Assessment

1.2.1 The basis for Strategic Environmental Assessment legislation is European Directive 2001/42/EC. This was transposed into English law by the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004, or SEA Regulations. Detailed guidance of these regulations can be found in the Government publication 'A Practical Guide to the Strategic Environmental Assessment Directive' (ODPM, 2005) and Paragraph 009 of the Planning Practice Guidance (PPG) 'Neighbourhood Planning' section.

1.2.2 Under the requirements of the European Union Directive 2001/42/EC and Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations (2004), certain types of plans that set the framework for the consent of future development projects, must be subject to an environmental assessment.

1.3 The Harbury and Deppers Bridge Neighbourhood Development Plan

1.3.1 The creation of neighbourhood development plans started with the Government's Localism Act 2011. The Act set out a series of measures to shift power away from central government and towards local people. One of the Localism Act's key components is the Neighbourhood Development Plan; a new tier in planning policy which enables local people to shape the development of the community in which they live.

1.3.2 The neighbourhood planning process for the Harbury and Deppers Bridge NDP started in January 2014 when Harbury Parish Council set up a Steering Group. This consisted of volunteers who were representative of the community and willing to help prepare a NDP for the area.

1.3.3 The Steering Group has produced the NDP in accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations and in consultation with the Harbury community, businesses, landowners, various agencies and the local planning authority.

1.3.4 The following steps were undertaken by the Steering Group in order to build up an evidence base for the Harbury NDP:

- A review of existing evidence;
- Identification of gaps in the evidence base;
- Completion of new evidence; and
- Analysis of evidence.

1.3.5 From the above process and the feedback received, a Vision Statement was formulated and a NDP was felt to be the best means of delivering this vision.

Consultation

1.3.6 The NDP will be published for consultation. This provides an opportunity for the public and local organisations to comment on the plan.

1.3.7 After consultation, any responses will be taken into account and used to prepare a 'submission draft' of the NDP. This version of the plan will be subject to inspection by an independent examiner. If the examiner approves the NDP it will be subject to a local referendum. If 50% or more of people voting in the referendum support the plan, the NDP will be adopted.

Size

1.3.8 The parish of Harbury and Deppers Bridge is located approximately 5 miles south east of Leamington Spa, 3 miles south west of Southam and 13 miles east of Stratford-on-Avon. The parish covers 3,397 acres with an estimated total population of 2,420¹.

1.3.9 The proposed Harbury and Deppers Bridge NDP covers the whole of Harbury Parish, including the original village of Harbury and the later industrial workers settlement of Deppers Bridge to the east. **Figure 1.2** shows the current NDP boundary.

¹ ONS, (2011), Population Density, 2011 Harbury (Parish) [online] Available at: <http://www.neighbourhood.statistics.gov.uk/dissemination/LeadTableView.do?a=7&b=11124215&c=Harbury&d=16&e=13&g=6472135&i=1001x1003x1004&m=0&r=1&s=1471953877188&enc=1&dsFamilyId=2491>

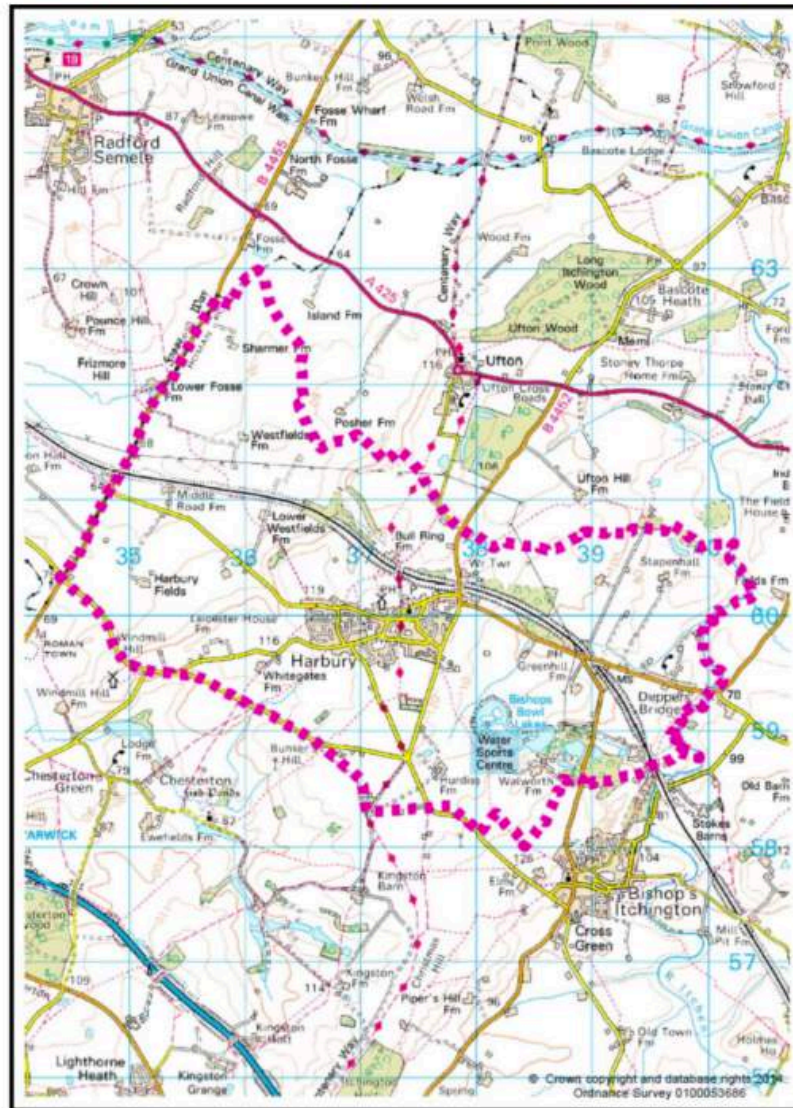


Figure 1.2: Neighbourhood Development Plan Boundary²

Location

- 1.3.10 Harbury is a village and parish in the Stratford-on-Avon district of Warwickshire. The parish includes the hamlet of Deppers Bridge. Adjoining parishes are Bishops Itchington, Bishops Tachbrooke, Chesterton, Ladbroke and Southam. The parish is bound by the River Itchen to the east and Fosse Way to the northwest.
- 1.3.11 The A425 and the Chiltern main rail line pass through the parish just north of Harbury village. The M40 is located approximately 3 miles south of the village, offering good access to towns and cities.

² Harbury Parish Council (2016) Harbury and Deppers Bridge Neighbourhood Development Plan, Regulation 14 Consultation Draft available at: http://www.harburyneighbourhoodplan.co.uk/pdfs/harbury_draft.pdf

- 1.3.12 The NDP area holds a concentration of community activities and amenities. This includes Harbury primary school, a nursery, a library, a number of pubs, a village hall, post office, shops, supermarkets, a medical centre which includes an in house pharmacy, a church, pubs, restaurants, takeaways and other facilities.
- 1.3.13 Harbury has two conservation areas designated in 1980 (**Figure 1.3**). One covers the historic core of the village, whilst the other is based on the Manor House and the once detached farming community to the west.. The parish also benefits from 35 Grade II Listed Buildings. These include the Church, Manor House, Wagstaffe School and Windmill.
- 1.3.14 Over fifty important finds are listed in the Warwickshire Sites and Monuments record lists for the parish. Finds range from Neolithic, Bronze Age and Saxon times, with considerable Roman finds. Important medieval finds relate to the Manor House, Harbury House and the Mediaeval House platforms in the Church Paddock. There are also remains relating to the Harbury Quarries, and the Great Western Railway and its cutting.

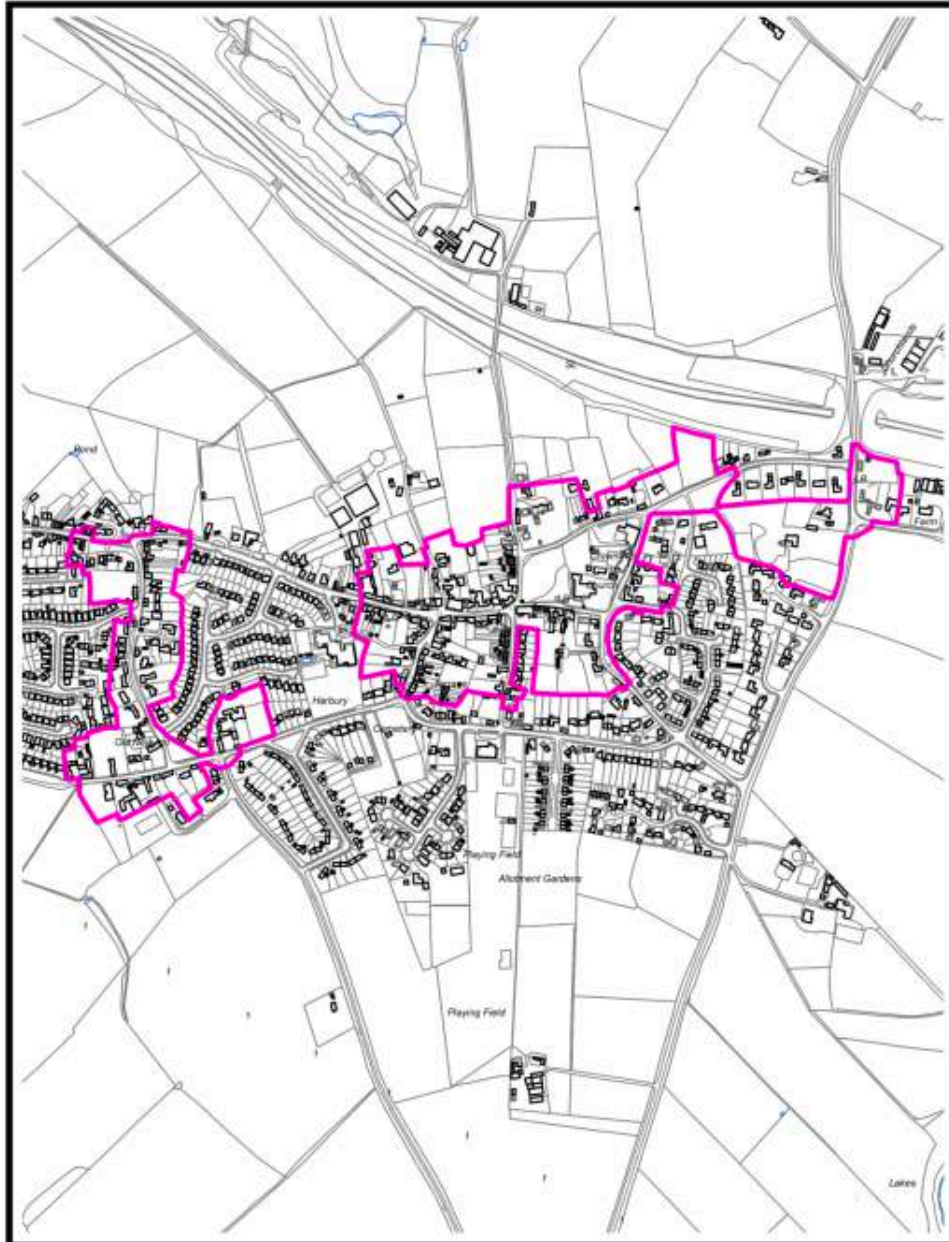


Figure 1.3: Harbury conservation areas³

1.3.15

Harbury Parish benefits from a number of open spaces such as The Pound, an extensive Designated Village Green (DVG) with mature Limes, Horse Chestnuts, Copper Beech and backed by extensive Harbury Stone Wall. Other areas of local green and open space include Church Paddock, Binswood End Green, and Harbury Playing Fields. Some of these green spaces are protected as village greens or roadside verges.

³ Harbury Parish Council (2016) Harbury and Deppers Bridge Neighbourhood Development Plan, Regulation 14 Consultation Draft available at: http://www.harburyneighbourhoodplan.co.uk/pdfs/harbury_draft.pdf

1.3.16 There are two SSSI's within the parish: Harbury Cutting and Harbury Quarries (**Figure 1.4**). Spoilbank Nature Reserve is part of Harbury Cuttings SSSI, and lies on the B4522 (Station Road) between Harbury and Deppers Bridge. This site is host to species rich grassland, supporting butterflies and other wildlife. These protected areas, along with the village's internal wildlife corridors, connect Harbury and Deppers Bridge to the wider countryside.

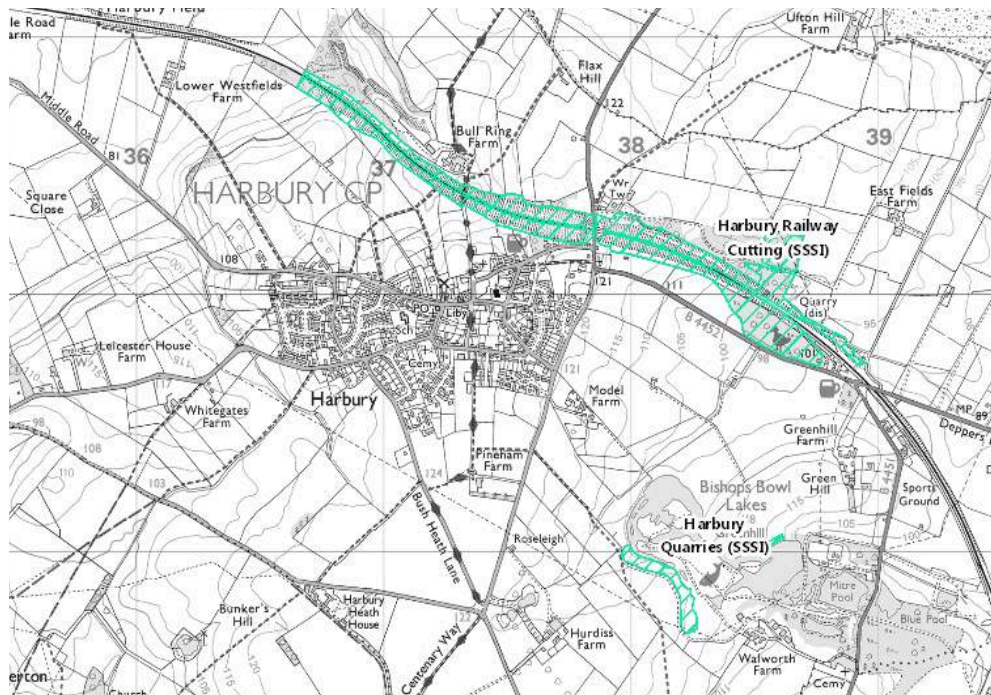


Figure 1.4 Harbury SSSI's (<http://magic.defra.gov.uk/MagicMap.aspx>)

1.3.17 Land within and surrounding Harbury is classified as Grade 3 agricultural land, however it is not known whether this is Grade 3a or 3b. Grade 3a agricultural land is considered to be best and most versatile, whereas Grade 3b is not. **Figure 1.5** shows agricultural land classification (ALC) data as published via Natural England's regional ALC datasets⁴.

⁴ Natural England (2010) Agricultural Land Classification map West Midlands Region (ALC004) available at: <http://publications.naturalengland.org.uk/publication/130044?category=5954148537204736>

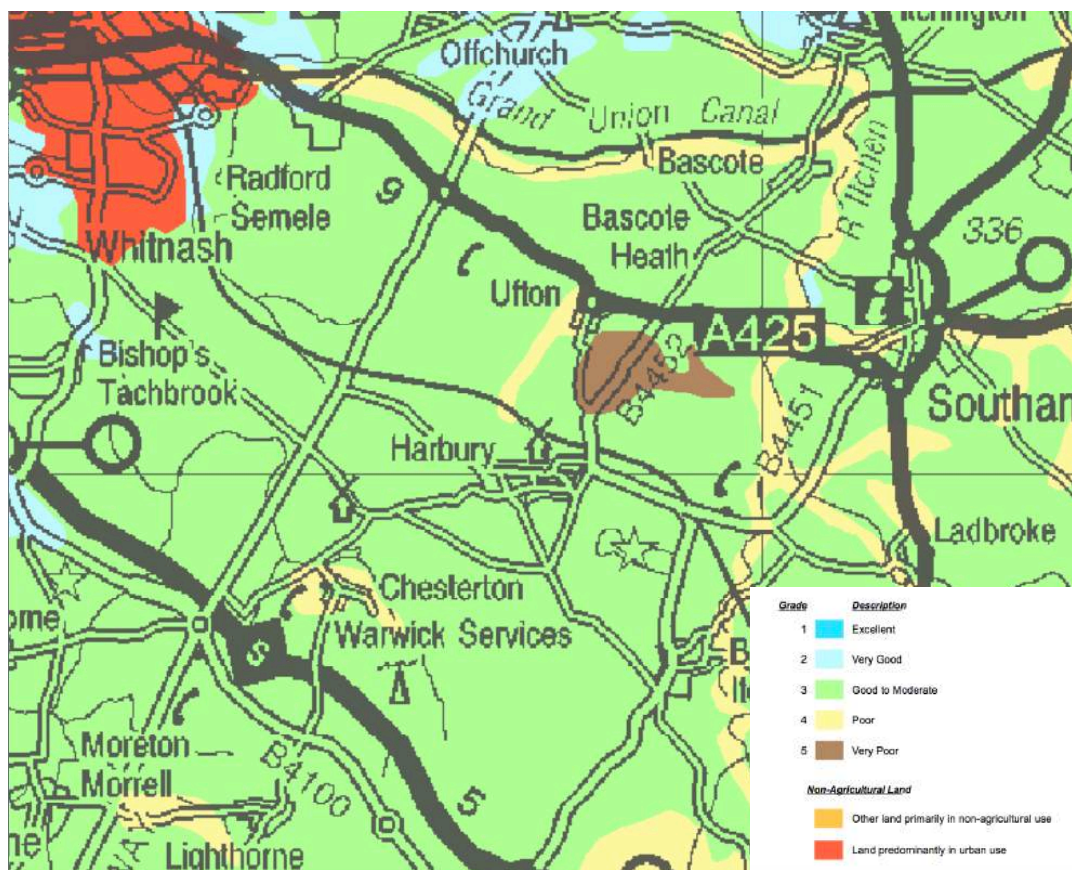


Figure 1.5: Agricultural land classification (from Natural England)

1.4 Relationship with the Local Plan

1.4.1 The NDP is a land-use plan, prepared for town and country planning purposes. It sets out a framework for future development consents within Harbury Parish. Once adopted, the NDP will form part of the framework for planning in Stratford-on-Avon district, along with the Local Plan and other development plan documents and supplementary planning documents.

1.4.2 The NDP sets out a series of policies that once made will be used to guide development and to help to determine future planning applications. This important legal position means that it has to have regard to national planning policy and to be in “general conformity” with the strategic planning policies set out in the Stratford-on-Avon Core Strategy 2011-2031⁵.

⁵ Stratford-on-Avon District Council (2016) Stratford-on-Avon District Core Strategy 2011-2031 available at: <https://www.stratford.gov.uk/files/seealsodocs/172105/SDC%20CORE%20STRATEGY%202011-2031%20-%20July%202016.pdf>

- 1.4.3 Neighbourhood Plans are smaller in geographic scale than Core Strategies and Local Plans, and serve to add further detailed policies and proposals to these documents. The Harbury Neighbourhood Development Plan and the Stratford-on-Avon Core Strategy will form part of the development plan for the area.

2 The Screening Process

2.1 Strategic Environmental Assessment screening

2.1.1 The process for determining whether or not an SEA is required is called screening. In order to screen, it is necessary to determine if a plan will have significant environmental effects using the criteria set out in Annex II of the SEA Directive and Schedule I of the SEA Regulations. A determination cannot be made until the three statutory consultation bodies have been consulted: The Environment Agency, Natural England and Historic England.

2.1.2 Within 28 days of its determination, the plan makers must publish a statement, setting out its decision. If they determine that an SEA is not required, the statement must include the reasons for this.

2.2 The screening process

2.2.1 The Localism Act requires NDPs to be in general conformity with the strategic policies of the adopted development plan for the local area. In the case of Harbury, the plan must be in general conformity with the Stratford-on-Avon Core Strategy 2011-2031.

2.2.2 Paragraph 009 of the Planning Practice Guidance (PPG) 'Neighbourhood Planning' section states:

'Where a neighbourhood plan is brought forward before an up-to-date Local Plan is in place the qualifying body and the local planning authority should discuss and aim to agree the relationship between policies in:

- *the emerging neighbourhood plan*
- *the emerging Local Plan*
- *the adopted development plan*

with appropriate regard to national policy and guidance'

2.2.3 This suggests that the emerging NDP and Core Strategy should be complementary.

2.2.4 **Figure 2.1** presents a diagram prepared by ODPM (2005). This shows the application of the SEA process to plans and programmes. The sequential approach in the flow diagram can be used to screen the Harbury Parish NDP.

2.2.5

Table 2.1 uses the questions presented in **Figure 2.1** to establish whether there is a need for SEA for the Harbury NDP.

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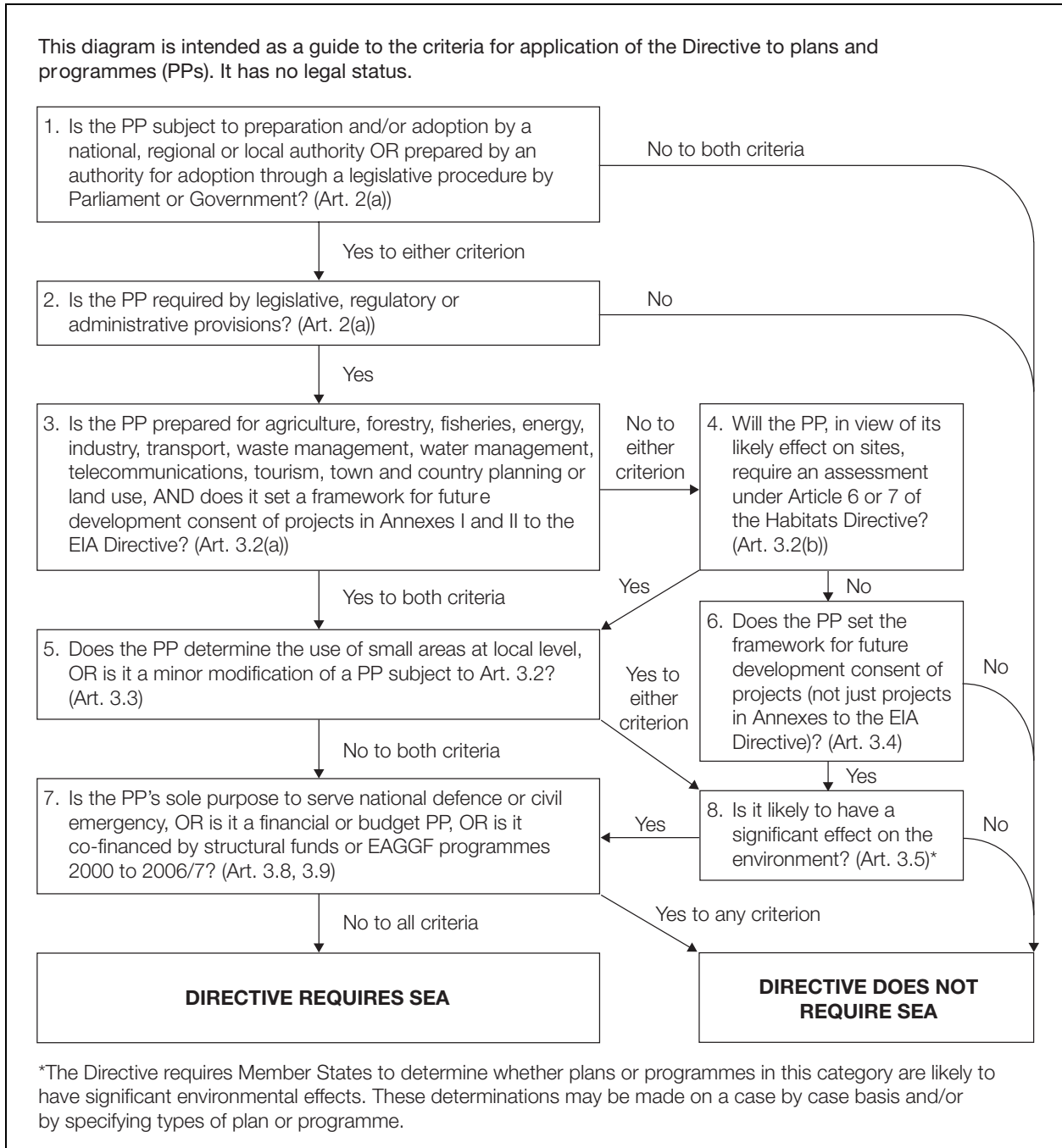


Figure 2.1: Application of the SEA Directive to plans and programmes⁶

⁶ODPM (2005) A Practical Guide to the Strategic Environmental Assessment Directive

Table 2.1: Establishing whether there is a need for SEA

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 plan constitutes a NDP, which will be subject to independent examination and brought into legal force if it receives 50% or more affirmative votes at referendum. The NDP would form part of the statutory development plan for Stratford-on-Avon.
2. Is the PP required by legislative, regulatory or administrative provisions? (Art. 2(a))	N	Communities and neighbourhoods have a right to produce a NDP, however it is not required by legislative, regulatory or administrative bodies. If the NDP is adopted it would become part of the statutory development plan, meaning it should continue to be screened under the SEA Directive.
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 to the EIA Directive? (Art 3.2(a))	Y	The NDP is a land-use plan and sets the framework for future development consents within the Harbury area. Due to the neighbourhood quality of the plan area, development projects contained in Annex I are unlikely to take place in Harbury. The NDP supports infrastructure projects, which are listed in Annex II of Directive 97/11/EC. This includes Policies H.14 (Sustainable Design and Energy Efficiency) and H.13 (Development of New Community Facilities), which could lead to urban development projects, including housing infrastructure.
4. Will the PP, in view of its likely effect on sites, require an assessment for future development under Article 6 or 7 of the Habitats Directive? (Art. 3.2 (b))	N	The Harbury NDP is not anticipated to have a likely significant effect on any European sites.
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	The NDP identifies a range of development guidelines for Harbury parish.
8. Is it likely to have a significant effect on the environment? (Art. 3.5)	N	See Section 2.3 .

2.3 Relevance to the SEA Directive

2.3.1 Question 8 within the ODPM guidance (see **Figure 2.1**) refers to whether the NDP would have a significant effect on the environment. The criteria from Annex II of the SEA Directive and Schedule 1 of the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations (2004) can be used to consider the relevance of the plan to the SEA Directive. **Section 2.4** considers likely environmental effects of the plan.

Table 2.2: Harbury NDP and the SEA Directive

Criteria (from Annex II of SEA Directive and Schedule I of Regulations)	Response
The characteristics of plans and programmes	
(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 NDP is prepared for town and country planning and will form a part of the development management framework for the village of Harbury.
(b) the degree to which the plan or programme influences other plans and programmes including those in a hierarchy	The NDP must be in general conformity with the strategic planning policies set out in the Stratford-on-Avon Core Strategy (2011-2031), the National Planning Policy and European Directives.
(c) the relevance of the plan or programme for the integration of environmental considerations in particular with a view to promoting sustainable development	There are opportunities for integrating environmental considerations within Harbury. The Harbury NDP contains policies to protect Green Infrastructure and Open Space (Policy H.01, H.06, H.07, H.08, and H.09), and conservation of heritage assets (Policy H.19).
(d) environmental problems relevant to the plan or programme	Key issues include: 1. Traffic management; congestion in the village, speeding and lack of adequate parking provision. 2. Pressure on existing infrastructure – little capacity to deal with further development and increased population. 3. Concern that the drainage system has little spare capacity.
(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 NDP is a land-use plan and sets the framework for future development consents within the Harbury NDP area. The NDP sets policies that for planning applications within the Harbury NDP to adhere to.
Characteristics of the effects and of the area likely to be affected	
(a) the probability, duration, frequency and reversibility of the effects	The NDP is not expected to give rise to any significant environmental effects.
(b) the cumulative nature of the effects	The plan is not thought to contribute to cumulative impacts in combination with the emerging Stratford-on-Avon Core Strategy.
(c) the transboundary nature of the effects	The NDP is not expected to give rise to any significant transboundary environmental effects.
(d) the risks to human health or the environment (for example, due to accidents)	There are no anticipated effects of the NDP on human health.
(e) the magnitude and spatial extent of the effects (geographical area and size of the population likely to be affected)	The NDP is not expected to give rise to any significant environmental effects.
(f) the value and vulnerability of the area likely to be affected due to: (i) special natural characteristics or	(iii) The NDP is not anticipated to adversely affect any special natural characteristics or cultural heritage. Nor

cultural heritage (ii) exceeded environmental quality standards or limit values (iii) intensive land-use	would the NDP be expected to lead to the exceedance of environmental standards or promote intensive land use.
(g) the effects on areas or landscapes which have a recognised national, Community or international protection status	The NDP is expected to maintain, and may enhance, designations, including the conservation areas and SSSIs.

2.4 Determination of significant effects

2.4.1 The Harbury NDP will influence where development should be located, as well as influence design across the plan area. Responding to local character and history as well as using good quality materials are both aspects of good design. Both of these factors can be significant determinants of environmental effects.

2.4.2 A summary of baseline and likely significant effects of the NDP against each of the topics set out in Annex I (f) of the SEA Directive is presented below.

Biodiversity, flora and fauna

2.4.3 The NDP does not propose development in or near to Harbury Railway Cutting SSSI, Harbury Spoilbank Nature Reserve or Harbury Quarries SSSI. The NDP proposes that new housing development is to be concentrated within the Harbury Village settlement boundary.

2.4.4 Policies H.01 (New Housing Development in Harbury Village), H.06 (Green Infrastructure), H.07 (Protecting and Enhancing Local Green Spaces), H.08 (Protecting Small, Incidental Open Spaces), and H.09 (Protecting Significant Views) are expected to lead to a high level of protection for biodiversity and wildlife in the plan area. Policy H.01 is expected to ensure that development would have no adverse impact on the natural environment and will protect and enhance biodiversity and habitats.

Population and human health

2.4.5 The NDP is expected to maintain, and possibly improve, access to health and recreation facilities through Policies H.01 (New Housing Development in Harbury Village), H.07 (Protecting and Enhancing Local Green Spaces), H.08 (Protecting Small, Incidental Open Spaces), H.11 (Ensuring New Development Provides Appropriate Infrastructure) and H12 (Protecting Existing Community Facilities).

2.4.6 By promoting an appropriate level and mix of housing development (Policies H.01 and H.03) the NDP is likely to ensure suitable levels of housing provision in the NDP area. Policy H.13 (Development of New Community Facilities) and Policy H.14 (Sustainable Design and Energy Efficiency) would lead to development that is designed to reduce crime and the fear of crime, as well as ensuring attractive development, which may contribute to satisfaction of residents with their neighbourhood.

Soil, water and air

2.4.7 Policy H.01 (New Housing Development in Harbury Village) supports development where there is no adverse impact on the parish's rural landscape. The background text for this policy highlights the commitment to reuse brownfield sites. This is in line with Stratford District Council's Core Strategy⁷.

2.4.8 Policy H.06 (Green Infrastructure) looks to maintain the mosaic of water features and watercourses, conserving water quality and reducing risk of pollution. Policy H.14 (Sustainable Design and Energy Efficiency) also encourages sustainable drainage to reduce risk of flooding on site and downstream, and promotes effective water recycling.

2.4.9 There are no existing air quality issues in the NDP area and it is not anticipated that any air quality issues will arise from the NDP.

Climatic factors

2.4.10 Policy H.14 (Sustainable Design and Energy Efficiency) asks development to use sustainable drainage to reduce risk of flooding on site and downstream. This policy is expected to reduce the carbon footprint of the parish through supporting energy conservation measures. Policy H.14 encourages all new development proposals to:

- *Consult with Harbury Energy Initiative and the Harbury Parish Council on planned sustainability measures*
- *Adopt a Fabric First approach through a higher than basic Fabric Energy Efficiency Standard target*
- *Performance test new houses prior to sale for incorporated energy efficiency measures and monitor performance after purchase for at least one year to ensure efficiency is being maintained*
- *Educate and inform all new home owners about any new technology installed, and how to use it to best effect*

⁷ Stratford-on-Avon District Council (2016) Stratford-on-Avon District Core Strategy 2011-2031 available at: <https://www.stratford.gov.uk/files/seealsodocs/172105/SDC%20CORE%20STRATEGY%202011-2031%20-%20July%202016.pdf>

2.4.11 Policy H.14 (Sustainable Design and Energy Efficiency) and H.15 (Highways and Transport) are expected to prevent an increase in per capita carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions in Harbury, thus reducing the contribution of the plan area to climate change. Policy H.15 is likely to reduce car use and associated CO₂ by promoting sustainable modes of transport, as acknowledged in The Warwickshire County Council's Local Transport Plan 2011-2026⁸.

2.4.12 Policy H.06 (Green Infrastructure) and H.07 (Protecting and Enhancing Local Green Spaces) are expected to contribute to helping Harbury adapt to climate change. Green Infrastructure has many benefits that can help climate change adaptation, such as local cooling and carbon dioxide uptake and storage⁹.

Material assets

2.4.13 The material assets topic considers social, physical and environmental infrastructure. This sub-section should be read alongside 'Population and human health', which details some health and social infrastructure implications of the NDP; 'Climatic factors', which considers energy infrastructure in terms of renewable energy and transport infrastructure in terms of sustainable transport; 'Soil, water and air', which considers water infrastructure and previously developed land; and the 'Biodiversity, flora and fauna' sub-section, which considers environmental infrastructure.

2.4.14 The NDP makes provision for social infrastructure, in terms of health and recreation facilities, community facilities and education facilities in Policies H.13 (Development of New Community Facilities) H.16 (Business and Employment Development in the Centre of Harbury Village) and H.18 (Protecting and Enhancing Local Shops and Communities). The NDP also promotes the maintenance of a full range of employment

2.4.15 Policy H.11 (Ensuring New Development Provides Appropriate Infrastructure) states that all new development will be expected to provide an appropriate level of infrastructure (services, sewers, etc.) to meet the needs and demands arising from development itself and in combination with other development in the area. This is in line with the Warwickshire Waste Core Strategy¹⁰, which will manage waste in the NDP area.

⁸ Warwickshire County Council (2011) Warwickshire Local Transport Plan 2011-2026) available at: <https://apps.warwickshire.gov.uk/api/documents/WCCC-630-116>

⁹ Forest Research (2010) Benefits of Green Infrastructure

¹⁰ Warwickshire County Council (2013) Warwickshire Waste Core Strategy, Adopted Local Plan 2013 - 2028

Cultural heritage (inc. architectural and archaeological)

- 2.4.16 Policy H.19 (Protecting Local Heritage) is expected to conserve the historic environment of Harbury, through preventing development that will adversely affect cultural heritage, architectural and archaeological assets. This includes the two conservation areas, listed buildings and non-designated assets.

Landscape

- 2.4.17 Many of the policies in the NDP require that development should not adversely affect the character and appearance of the area. Policy H.01 (New Housing Development in Harbury Village) specifically supports development which has no adverse impact on the parish's rural landscape. Policy H.09 (Protecting Significant Views) and Policy H.10 (Landscape Design Principles) specifically promote development that is in keeping with existing landscape and historic character and retains landmarks, skylines and views.

2.5 Screening outcome

- 2.5.1 This screening report has explored the potential effects of the proposed harbury NDP with a view to determining the likely requirement for an environmental assessment under the SEA Directive.
- 2.5.2 In accordance with topics cited in Annex 1(f) of the SEA directive, likely significant effects on the environment are not expected to occur as a result of the NDP.
- 2.5.3 It is recommended that the Harbury and Deppers Bridge Neighbourhood Development Plan should be screened out of the SEA process.

2.6 Consultation

- 2.6.1 This SEA Screening report will be subject to consultation with the statutory consultees: Environment Agency, Historic England and Natural England, from 13th February 2017 to 4th March 2017. Consultation responses will be placed in **Appendix A** when received.

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Appendix A: Statutory Consultation Responses

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Thank you for your consultation.

Natural England has previously commented on Harbury Neighbourhood Plan Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Screening Report and made comments in our letter dated 29/09/2017 (attached).

The advice provided in our previous response applies equally to this updated Harbury Neighbourhood Plan Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Screening Report.

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

Kind regards,

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Date: 29 September 2016
Our ref: 196665
Your ref: Harbury and Deppers Bridge SEA Screening Report



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Dear Ms Cox ,

Planning consultation: Harbury Neighbourhood Plan SEA Screening Report

Thank you for your consultation on the above dated 20/09/2016.

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 no further SEA is required with regard to Natural England's remit.

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](#).

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.

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 Tom Amos on 02080 260961. For any new consultations, or to provide further information on this consultation please send your correspondences to consultations@naturalengland.org.uk.

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Yours sincerely

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23 February 2017

Dear Ms Cox

HARBURY AND DEPPERS BRIDGE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN SEA CONSULTATION

Thank you for the above consultation.

For the purposes of consultations on SEA, Historic England confines its advice to the question, "Is the Plan or proposal 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 by yourselves in your consultation to us.

On the basis of the information supplied, including that set out in the draft plan, and in the context of the criteria set out in Schedule 1 of the Environmental Assessment Regulations [Annex II of 'SEA' Directive], Historic England concur with the conclusion that the preparation of a Strategic Environmental Assessment is not required.

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: <http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/publications/strategic-environ-assessment-sustainability-appraisal-historic-environment/>.

I hope this advice is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Rosie,

I can confirm that the minor changes to the proposed boundary will does not alter our previous position that the Plan is unlikely to result in any significant effects that would require a Strategic Environmental Assessment.

Regards,

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Bridge SEA Screening

Date: 27 October 2016

Dear Madam

SA/SEA Screening for Harbury Neighbourhood Plan

Thank you for your recent consultation on the above document.

There is a large development planned for Harbury Quarry/former Cement Works, which is also a SSSI. However, it has been subject to its own detailed assessment and this plan is not proposing any development outside of the development boundary.

Therefore, we concur with the findings of the screening document that this plan is unlikely to have any significant effects and should be screened out of the process

Yours faithfully

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