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Dear Mr Evans

**Planning consultation:** Claverdon Neighbourhood Plan - SEA Screening Report

Thank you for your consultation on the above dated 23 August 2017 which was received by Natural England on 23 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**

We welcome the production of this SEA Screening report. Natural England's comments are set out below.

Natural England notes and concurs with the screening outcome i.e. that no SEA is required.

We note an error made in section 1.4.6. of the report to the reference of nearby/adjacent SSSI in relation to the Claverdon Neighbourhood Plan area. The Figure 1.4 is correctly showing nearby/adjacent SSSIs, which are Oak Tree Farm Meadows SSSI, Railway Meadow, Langley SSSI, Shrewley Canal Cutting SSSI and Snitterfield and Bearley Bushes SSSI. The following wording "Just west of the Parish is the Knavenhill Wood SSSI, just north is Loxley Church Meadow SSSI and just east are Oxhouse Farm SSSI and Lobbington Hall Farm Meadow SSSI" would require appropriate amendment.

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 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:

- [Ensor's Pool](#) Special Area of Conservation located approximately 29k away

- [Bredon Hill](#) Special Area of Conservation located approximately 32k away
- [Fens Pools](#) Special Area of Conservation located approximately 36k 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](mailto:consultations@naturalengland.org.uk).

Yours sincerely

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