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Alcester Town Council
c/o Vanessa Lowe, Town Clerk

(e-mail only)

Dear Mrs Lowe,

**ALCESTER 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 has prepared a SEA Screening Document on behalf of Stratford-on-Avon District Council to determine whether the Alcester Neighbourhood Development Plan (ANDP) should be subject to a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA).

The Screening Document explored the potential effects of the proposed ANDP and concluded that on the basis of the SEA Screening Assessment, the ANDP 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. The three consultees concurred with the conclusions of the Screening Document that the preparation of a SEA was not required.

Having read the Submitted Draft NDP, SEA Screening Document and responses from the three statutory consultees, I concur with the view that a SEA is not required for the ANDP.

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'JCP Careford'.

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