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Dear Sir/Madam

Alton Neighbourhood Development Plan
Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Opinion Screening Determination

This letter addresses whether an environmental assessment of the Alton Neighbourhood Development Plan is required and as such whether it meets one of the basic conditions that a neighbourhood plan must meet in order to proceed to referendum: that it does not breach, and is otherwise compatible with, EU obligations.

On the basis of the contents of the neighbourhood development plan and subsequent consultation with the relevant statutory bodies the following determination can be made.

The screening determination is that **an environmental assessment of the Alton Neighbourhood Development Plan is not required** due to there being no adverse comments from the Statutory Bodies and for the reasons set out in the attached statement of reasons and response of screening.

As such it is the opinion of East Hampshire District Council that the Alton Neighbourhood Development Plan is in accordance with the provisions of the European Directive 2001/42/EC as incorporated into UK law by the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004.

This decision has been based on the information provided. If the contents of the Plan are revised and/or there is a material change in the environmental characteristics in the locality (eg. any additional nature conservation or other environmental designations), then the comments contained in this decision would need to be reconsidered in order to take account of the changes.

Yours faithfully

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