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BY EMAIL ONLY

Dear Mr Neale,

Planning consultation: Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Screening for Wilmcote & Pathlow Neighbourhood Development Plan.

Thank you for your consultation on the above dated 27/04/2016.

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.

Habitats Regulations Assessment

Natural England notes the screening process applied to this Neighbourhood plan. We agree with the Council's conclusion that a HRA screening is required.

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 <u>only</u> please contact Tom Amos on 0300 060 1396. For any new consultations, or to provide further information on this consultation please send your correspondences to <u>consultations@naturalengland.org.uk</u>.

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Yours sincerely

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