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Subject: Woodmancote Neighbourhood Plan - Horsham District - SEA

Dear Emma

Thank you for consulting Natural England on this matter.

The SEA is important as a process that runs parallel to the plan making process, and insofar as it initiates more detailed consideration of important issues when necessary.

In the case of Woodmancote Parish, the only designation of national or international importance is the National Park. None of our Impact Risk Zones relating designated habitats (outside the parish) and relating to residential development, extend into the parish.

Consultation/engagement with the National Park Authority should have revealed whether any of the development options are likely to have a significant effect on the designated landscape or its setting.

It may be reasonable to conclude that if the sites previously considered for allocation are removed to a windfall policy, and

- neither local or the neighbourhood plans rely on them to meet housing need, and
- provided there are adequate policies in the local plan to ensure the development of windfall sites is properly tested;

then consideration on impact on the natural environment could be deferred to the detailed planning stage. However if either of these two assumptions is untrue, then it would be appropriate to consider possible effects, at least in principle, to ensure the plan is deliverable and sound.

Subject to the points above, I agree with your conclusion in respect of the SEA and the natural environment.

There is currently significant pressure from consultations on land-use proposals and appeals, the completion of local plans, the review of existing plans, and work on neighbourhood plans (there are over 500 parishes in Kent and Sussex). This makes it difficult to devote the time that consultations deserve. Nevertheless, I hope you find these comments helpful. If there are issues I have not covered, please let me know and I will respond as quickly as possible. If discussion would be helpful, please give me a call.

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Yours sincerely,

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