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Dear Mr Chapman,

**SEA and HRA Screening of Mitcheldean's Neighbourhood Development Plan**

Thank you for your consultation on the above dated 21<sup>st</sup> February 2019 which was received by Natural England on the same day.

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 the Mitcheldean Neighbourhood Development Plan will not result in significant environmental effects'.

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 conclusion of the report of no likely significant effect upon the named European designated sites:

- Wye Valley and Forest of Dean Bat SAC (Adjoining / Within plan area W)
- Wye Valley Woodlands SAC (Nearest location 8km W)
- River Wye SAC (Nearest location 1.5km W)
- Severn Estuary SAC/SPA Ramsar (Nearest location 10km S)
- Walmore Common SPA Ramsar (Nearest location 5km SE)

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 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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