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Subject: Mitcheldean (Gloucestershire) Neighbour Development Plan - Strategic Environmental Assessment & Habitats Regulations Consultation

Dear Statutory Consultee,

The Mitcheldean NDP has recently been subject to public consultation (Reg 14): Revised Draft Attached (<https://www.mitcheldeancouncil.co.uk/ndp/>;
<https://www.ourvibrantvillage.co.uk/surveydownload.html>)

Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening & Habitats Regulations Screenings have been completed (attached) and your views on the assessments and their conclusions are now sought.

In summary the screening assessment have concluded that neither SEA nor Habitats Regulations Appropriate Assessment is required because:

1. Habitats Regulations

The plan only contains polices for the assessment of the acceptability of proposed development and does not promote or identify sites for development. Therefore the plan itself does not lead to new development. it is considered that the NDP will have no adverse effects alone or in combination on European Designated Nature Conservation Sites. .

and

2. Strategic Environmental Assessment is currently not required for the NDP due to:

- i. The geographic spread of the NDP is limited
- ii. The locations, scale and effects of the NDP are very limited
- iii. The NDP does not create a significant new framework or programme in addition to the existing Core Strategy, Allocations Plan, Saved Local Plan or Local Transport Plan.
- iv. The NDP is generally supportive and interpretive rather than instructive.
- v. The NDP in combination with the Core Strategy and Allocations Plan contains environmental mitigation and 'cancelation' factors

We would welcome your views on the SEA and HRA screenings as to whether you agree with the conclusions of the assessments by 15th March 2019. It would be helpful if you could copy in any responses to the NDP group: clerk@mitcheldeancouncil.co.uk

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

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