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Screening Assessment



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Dear Ms Morgetroyd,

Ashton Hayes and Horton-cum-Peel Neighbourhood Plan – Strategic Environmental Assessment and Habitats Regulations Assessment Screening Statement

Thank you for your consultation on the above dated and received by Natural England on 23 December 2015.

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.

Natural England is in agreement with the Screening Statement, as long as the proposed policies of the Neighbourhood Plan do not alter the strategic policy framework assessed in the Local Plan Part One Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA) Screening Report and Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Report then a separate HRA and SEA will not be required.

If this situation changes then a separate SEA and HRA Screening will be required and Natural England would wish to be consulted.

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 only please contact Kathryn Kelsall on 020 802 68397. For any new consultations, or to provide further information on this consultation please send your correspondences to consultations@naturalengland.org.uk.

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.

Yours sincerely

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