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Dear Jason

**Warfield Neighbourhood Plan:
Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening Opinion**

I write in response to your request for screening opinions for Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) & Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) in relation to the Warfield Neighbourhood Plan in accordance with:

- the European Directive 2001/42/EC ("SEA Directive") and Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 ("SEA Regulations"); and
- the European Directive 92/43/EEC on the Conservation of Natural Habitats and Wild Flora (the "Habitats Directive") and Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 (as amended) ("Habitat Regulations").

Warfield Parish Council is preparing a Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) for the area covered by the whole civil parish of Warfield in accordance with the 2004 Planning Act, the 2011 Localism Act and the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended). The Neighbourhood Area to which the NDP will apply has been designated by Bracknell Forest Council.

You indicate that the NDP is likely to:

- allocate sites for development;
- contain policies that may affect sensitive natural or heritage assets located in or in proximity to the Neighbourhood Area;
- have other significant environmental effects that have not already been considered and dealt with through an up-to-date Sustainability Appraisal of our Local Plan.

On this basis, it is concluded that the Warfield Neighbourhood Plan may have significant effects in relation to some of the criteria set out in Schedule 1 of the SEA Regulations, and therefore does need to be subject to a Strategic Environmental Assessment.

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A HRA Screening Opinion Report is currently being drafted and will be distributed separately

Yours sincerely

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