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Dear Helen Smith

Planning consultation: Alvechurch Neighbourhood Plan – Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) Screening Report

Thank you for your consultation on the above document which was received by Natural England on 04 September 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 welcomes the updated Screening Report which assesses the requirement for Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Habitat Regulations Assessment HRA for the Alvechurch Neighbourhood Plan.

I can confirm that, Natural England agrees with the report's conclusions that the Alvechurch Neighbourhood Plan would not be likely to result in a significant effect on any European Site, therefore no further assessment work would be required.

In addition we also concur that, through compliance with the emerging Bromsgrove Local Plan, any significant environmental effects from the implementation of the Alvechurch Neighbourhood Plan can be assessed through the Sustainability Appraisal of this plan and therefore no further assessment work should be required.

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 Stephanie Jones on 07917 041195. For any new consultations, or to provide further information on this 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 faithfully

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