

Loxwood Neighbourhood Plan

Summary of Statutory Consultations – Strategic Environmental Assessment

Statutory Consultee	Summary of Comments
English Heritage – Reply 22 September 2014	<p>I note that the Plan allocates two sites for housing development. According to our records neither site would affect any designated heritage assets. However, we suggest that the Chichester Historic Environment Record and your Archaeology Officer be consulted, if they have not already, for any records of archaeological remains on these two sites and, if there are any such remains, your Archaeology Officer's advice be sought on the significance of these remains.</p> <p>If it is known or confirmed that neither allocated housing site has archaeological remains, or that any remains there may be are not of particular significance, English Heritage would be of the opinion that the Plan is not likely to have significant effects on the historic environment and that therefore a Strategic Environmental Assessment is not needed in respect of the historic environment.</p>
Environment Agency – reply 8 th September 2014	<p>We consider that the scale of development proposed through the Neighbourhood Plan would not have a significant environmental effect and as such would not require an SEA in relation to the issues in our remit.</p> <p>We are pleased to see that the Loxwood Neighbourhood Plan has allocated sites outside of Flood Zones 2 and 3.</p>
Natural England – reply	<p>On the basis of a quick review of our mapping and assuming that a limited scale of development takes place in or around Loxwood, it is unlikely to result in significant effect on designated habitats and landscapes.</p>

	<p>These comments draw on a quick review of the potential location of development relative to designated habitats and landscapes, and on a broad awareness of their sensitivities. On this basis, there does not appear to be the likelihood of significant effect on designated landscapes and habitats, which are not addressed and capable of mitigation through policies in the evolving LP, and provided NPs reflect and respond to this lead in their policies and proposals.</p> <p>The NPs should respond to the LP strategy, and so the significant work which has taken place on the LP such as the evidence base and studies, with work on the associated HRA, SA and SEA, and with the comments from key partners such as the National Park Authority - provide a strong basis for your Screening Report and Opinion.</p>
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