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Dear Ms Dobson

## Boxgrove Neighbourhood Plan – Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) – Draft Environmental Report

Thank you for your consultation on the above dated 05 August 2019 which was received by Natural England on the same date.

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.

## Screening Request: Strategic Environmental Assessment

It is our advice, on the basis of the material supplied with the consultation, that, in so far as our strategic environmental interests (including but not limited to statutory designated sites, landscapes and protected species, geology and soils) are concerned, that there are unlikely to be significant environmental effects from the proposed plan.

## Neighbourhood Plan

Guidance on the assessment of Neighbourhood Plans, in light of the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 (as amended), is contained within the [National Planning](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/strategic-environmental-assessment-and-sustainability-appraisal) [Practice Guidance.](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/strategic-environmental-assessment-and-sustainability-appraisal) The guidance highlights three triggers that may require the production of an SEA, for instance where:

a neighbourhood plan allocates sites for development

the neighbourhood area contains sensitive natural or heritage assets that may be affected by the proposals in the plan

the neighbourhood plan may have significant environmental effects that have not already been considered and dealt with through a sustainability appraisal of the Local Plan.

We have checked our records and based on the information provided, we can confirm that in our view the proposals contained within the plan will not have significant effects on sensitive sites that Natural England has a statutory duty to protect.

We are not aware of significant populations of protected species which are likely to be affected by the policies / proposals within the plan. It remains the case, however, that the responsible authority should provide information supporting this screening decision, sufficient to assess whether protected species are likely to be affected.

Notwithstanding this advice, Natural England does not routinely maintain locally specific data on all potential environmental assets. As a result the responsible authority should raise environmental issues that we have not identified on local or national biodiversity action plan species and/or habitats, local wildlife sites or local landscape character, with its own ecological and/or landscape advisers, local record centre, recording society or wildlife body on the local landscape and biodiversity receptors that may be affected by this plan, before determining whether an SA/SEA is necessary.

Please note that Natural England reserves the right to provide further comments on the environmental assessment of the plan beyond this SEA/SA screening stage, should the responsible authority seek our views on the scoping or environmental report stages. This includes any third party appeal against any screening decision you may make.

For any new consultations, or to provide further information on this consultation please send your correspondences to consultations@naturalengland.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

Victoria Kirkham Consultations Team

**From:** Bown, Kevin

**To:** Neighbourhood Planning; Planning SE

**Subject:** FAO Neighbourhood Planning Team: Highways England response (our ref #8308) Boxgrove Neighbourhood Plan – SEA – Draft Environmental Report

**Date:** 06 August 2019 16:12:45

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### Consultation: Boxgrove Neighbourhood Plan - SEA – Draft Environmental Report

Highways England reference: #8308

Dear Neighbourhood Planning Team,

Thank you for your email of 5 August 2019 notifying Highways England of the Boxgrove Neighbourhood Plan – SEA – Draft Environmental Report consultation, seeking a response no later than 10 September.

Highways England has been appointed by the Secretary of State for Transport as strategic highway company under the provisions of the Infrastructure Act 2015 and is the highway authority, traffic authority and street authority for the strategic road network (SRN). The SRN is a critical national asset and as such Highways England works to ensure that it operates and is managed in the public interest, both in respect of current activities and needs as well as in providing effective stewardship of its long-term operation and integrity.

With regards this consultation, provided that any future transport related matters (for example, transport/air quality/ noise or vibration assessments relating to plans and/or planning applications) are suitably aligned and compatible with the SEA work, then we have no comments on the SEA draft Environmental Report.

Should you have any queries regarding this response, please contact us at PlanningSE@highwaysengland.co.uk.

Regards,

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Sent: 05 August 2019 16:46

Subject: #8308 Boxgrove Neighbourhood Plan – SEA – Draft Environmental Report Dear Consultee,

Boxgrove Neighbourhood Plan – Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) – Draft Environmental Report

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All representations received will be available to view publicly. Kind regards,

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**Subject:** Fw: Boxgrove Neighbourhood Plan – SEA – Draft Environmental Report

**Date:** 10 September 2019 17:45:21

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Dear Valerie

I'm happy to confirm that we do not have any comments to submit on the Scoping report for SEA of the Boxgrove Neighbourhood Plan.

Kind regards Robert Lloyd-Sweet

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Sent: 02 September 2019 16:31

To: neighbourhoodplanning@chichester.gov.uk

Cc: Kath Harrison <kath.harrison@surreycc.gov.uk>; Sue Janota <sue.janota@surreycc.gov.uk>

Subject: RE: Boxgrove Neighbourhood Plan – SEA – Draft Environmental Report Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for consulting Surrey County Council on the Boxgrove NDP Draft Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Report. We do not have any comments to make.

Kind regards, James Greene

Spatial Planning Officer

County Hall James.greene@surreycc.gov.uk 02085419377

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