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From: CHEC Planning Ltd <checplanningltd@gmail.com>
Sent: 22 April 2021 10:10
To: Valerie Dobson
Cc: Plaistow and Ifold Parish Council
Subject: Re: Plaistow and Ifold NP - New Issue from Natural England

Dear Valerie

Thank you for informing me of this recent issue. As both you and the Parish Council are well aware, as part of the examination of the Plan I am obliged to determine whether the Plan complies with all of the Basic Conditions. One of these conditions is: the making of the neighbourhood plan does not breach, and is otherwise compatible with, EU obligations and human rights requirements.

In these circumstances, I am going to suspend the examination of the Plan pending the outcome of the HRA Screening Matrix and Appropriate Assessment.

Kind Regards
Janet Cheesley

On Wed, Apr 21, 2021 at 4:55 PM Valerie Dobson <vdobson@chichester.gov.uk> wrote:

Dear Janet,

I am writing to advise you of an issue which has arisen that may impact upon the Plaistow and Ifold Neighbourhood Plan. I have copied the Parish Council into this email.

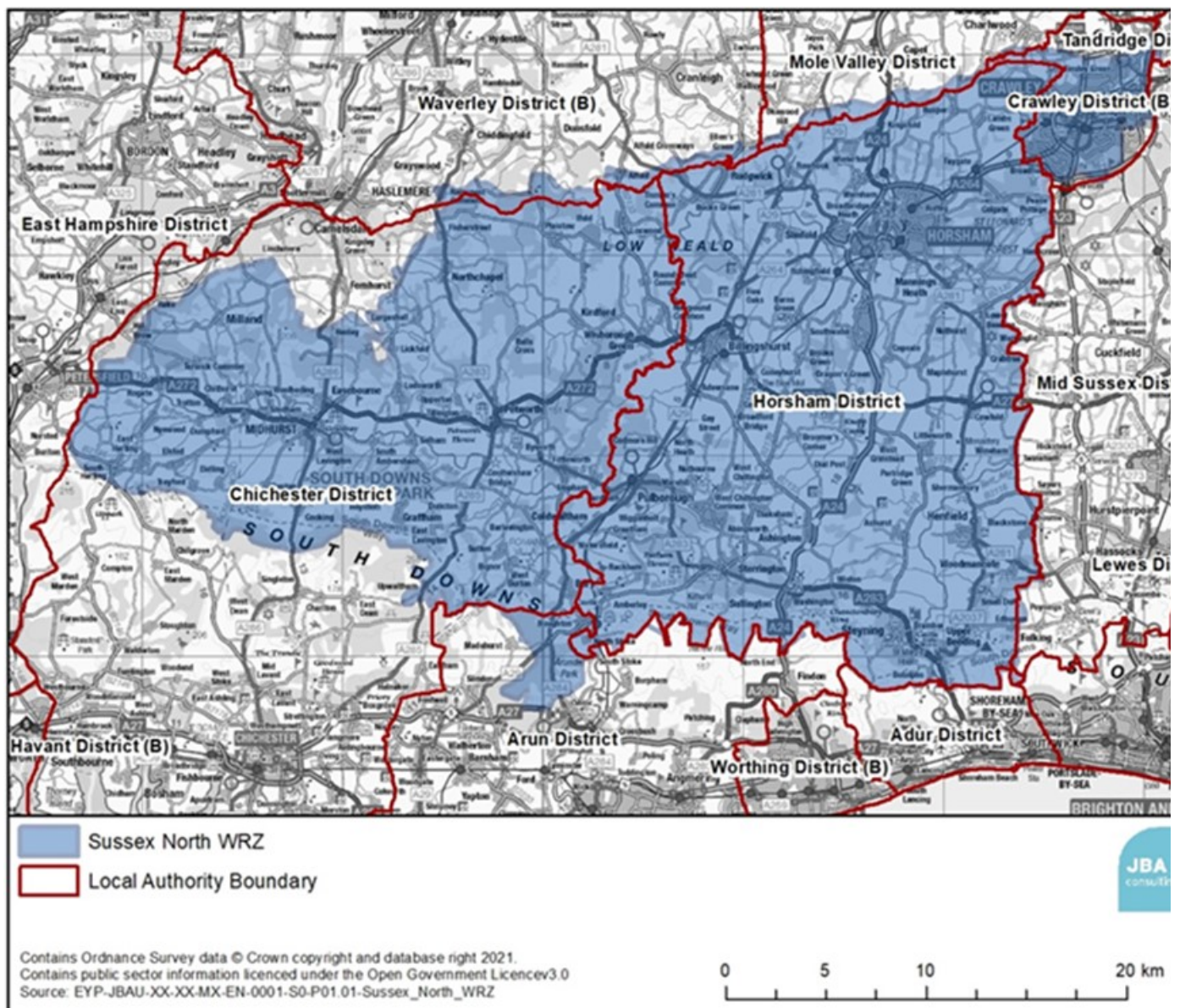
As part of the required procedures on another neighbourhood plan in the north part of the plan area, CDC prepared a Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA) Screening Matrix and Appropriate Assessment Statement and has received a response from Natural England set out below.

Sussex North Water Supply Zone

We have advised that any developments in Chichester District which fall within the Sussex North water resource supply zone will need to be tested through an HRA. This is because the Sussex North area is supplied by a water extraction at Hardham, which we have advised cannot with certainty conclude is not having an adverse impact on integrity on the Arun Valley SPA, SAC and Ramsar.

Therefore, in-combination impacts on the Arun Valley SPA SAC and Ramsar need to be considered. A water neutral approach is a mechanism for avoiding impact if an alternative water supply cannot be secured. We appreciate this is a complex issue and would welcome engagement with your authority on this matter and through the Local Plan review.

The map below shows the Sussex North Water Resource Supply Zone. As you will see this area covers a wide area including Plaistow and Ifold parish..



Consequently, as the competent authority, I am writing to advise that we consider CDC is obliged to undertake a further Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA) Screening Matrix and Appropriate Assessment Statement of the Plaistow and Ifold Neighbourhood Plan, in conjunction with Natural England, in the light of this new issue.

We will compile a draft revised Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA) Screening Matrix and Appropriate Assessment Statement and send this to Natural England, hopefully by the end of next week, giving them time to respond. Once we have a final completed version agreed under delegated authority I will forward a copy to you.

Kind regards,

Valerie



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