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Dear Mr Walker,

Somerford Keynes Neighbourhood Development Plan: Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening Report consultation

Thank you for consulting us on this matter. We received the letter on 10 June 2016 and we are now in a position to respond.

We agree with the conclusion of the screening opinion that a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) is not required for the Somerford Keynes Neighbourhood Development Plan.

We note that no allocations will be included in the plan, therefore the plan will be unlikely have a significant impact on the environment.

We have briefly reviewed the draft Somerford Keynes Neighbourhood Development Plan. We are reasonably satisfied with its content. However, we would advise the bullet point 4 of Policy SKPOL3 (Design of Housing) is amended to read ***'is not located in Flood Zone 2 or 3 and does not increase the risk of flooding to existing properties in the same settlement'***.

In addition, we would advise that the following bullet point is added to Policies SKPOL9 (Use of former mineral sites), SKPOL10 (Keynes Country Park) and SKPOL12 (Renewable Energy) which reads ***'it does not increase flood risk'***.

We are pleased with the inclusion of Policies SKPOL13 (Flooding and drainage infrastructure) and SKPOL22 (Biodiversity).

Yours sincerely,

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