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Compton Parish Council c/o. Fowler Architecture and Planning

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Dear Aaron,

## Compton Neighbourhood Development Plan Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) Screening Opinion

This letter sets out the screening opinion by West Berkshire District Council concerning the need for SEA and HRA in relation to the Compton Neighbourhood Development Plan. This screening opinion has been underpinned by a detailed report and the opinions of the three statutory consultation bodies who are the Environment Agency, Historic England, and Natural England.

The screening process undertaken has concluded that a <u>SEA</u> is not considered to <u>be</u> required to accompany the Compton Neighbourhood Development Plan <u>and it would not need to be subject to HRA</u>. The consultation bodies have all agreed with the conclusion reached. The reasons for the decision are set out in the accompanying 'SEA and HRA Screening Report – Post Consultation Version (August 2020)'.

Yours sincerely

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