

Lambourn Parish Council c/o Panos Konidaris Senior Planner Bluestone Planning West West

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Dear Panos,

Lambourn Neighbourhood Plan Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) Screening Opinion

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

The screening process undertaken concludes that <u>both a SEA and HRA Appropriate</u> <u>Assessment are required</u> to accompany the Lambourn Neighbourhood Plan. Historic England are in agreement with the conclusion reached. The Environment Agency and Natural England did not respond to the consultation, despite reminder emails.

The reasons for this decision are set out in the accompanying 'Lambourn Neighbourhood Plan SEA and HRA Screening Report – Post-consultation Version (July 2023).

Yours sincerely

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