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Dear Sarah

Planning consultation: Stoke Golding Neighbourhood Plan – SEA DRAFT - Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council
Location: Stoke Golding

Thank you for your consultation on the above dated 03 February 2023 which was received by Natural England on 03 February 2023

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.

SUMMARY OF NATURAL ENGLAND'S ADVICE

NO SEA REQUIRED

Based on the plans submitted, Natural England considers that the proposed housing allocation within the Neighbourhood Plan will not have significant adverse impacts on designated sites Kendall's Meadow SSSI and agrees with the SEA Draft Screening Statement that the Stoke Golding Neighbourhood Plan Review is not subject to the requirements of Directive 2001/42/EC, the 'SEA Directive' and accompanying regulations.

Kendall's Meadow Site of Special Scientific Interest

Based on the plans submitted, Natural England considers that the proposed Neighbourhood Plan will not damage or destroy the interest features for which the site has been notified and has no objection where there are less than 50 houses allocated. The Neighbourhood Plan currently has an allocation for 25 houses and so is within the limits of no likely significant effect.

Strategic Environmental Assessment - Screening

Where Neighbourhood Plans could have significant environmental effects, they may require a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) under the Environment Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 (as amended). Further guidance on deciding whether the proposals are likely to have significant environmental effects and the requirements for consulting Natural England on SEA are set out in the [planning practice guidance](#).

Planning practice guidance also outlines that if an appropriate assessment is required for your

