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Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Stoke Golding Neighborhood Plan SEA Scoping Report Consultation

Hello [REDACTED]

Thank you for giving the Environment Agency to comment on the SEA Scoping Report and I sincerely apologise for the delay in replying.

I have searched our records and cannot find any record of the EA replying to the SEA Screening Opinion request (a fact acknowledged in the current report). Having reviewed the latest information I am content that our response to the Screening Opinion would have been limited to identify those conservation (SSSI sites) highlighted by NE and for the views of NE to be sought since they fall within NE's remit. We consequently also have no comment to make on SEA Screening opinion.

I have reviewed the extent of the Stoke Golding Neighbourhood Plan area with regard to those environmental constraints for which we have a remit. Whilst there are areas of flood zone associated with watercourses to the West, North, and East of the Plan Boundary I note that there are no proposed Allocations within areas identified as being at flood risk. We welcome this and have no further comment to make.

I am really sorry to hear that the NDP are not pleased with the time it has taken to reply to this consultation. I can assure you that my colleagues and myself are working to timescales to the best of our ability during the current situation. I am not aware of any temporary changes to regulations/law which relax the 5 week consultation period however I will look into this further.

Regards

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