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Dear Ms Hill

**Abram Neighbourhood Plan Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) & Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA) Screening Report (September 2021)**

We write in response to your e-mail of 22 September 2021 seeking a formal Screening Opinion from Historic England as to whether SEA and HRA of Abram Neighbourhood Plan (Reg 14 draft) are required. As the public body that advises on England's historic environment, we are pleased to offer our comments.

In relation to SEA, for the purposes of this consultation, Historic England will confine our advice to the question, "Is the plan likely to have a significant effect on the environment?" in respect to our area of interest, cultural heritage? We consider that the draft plan appears to propose no site allocations or policies that would have significant environmental effects upon the historic environment, and so Historic England concur with your conclusion, that the preparation of a Strategic Environmental Assessment is not required. The views of all statutory consultation bodies should however be taken into account before you make your decision on the requirement for SEA.

To avoid any doubt, this decision does not preclude Historic England providing further advice on later stages of the SEA process, nor objecting to specific proposals that may subsequently arise (either as a result of this consultation or in later versions of the plan/guidance), where we consider that these would have an adverse effect upon the historic environment.

In relation to the HRA screening, we have no comments to make.

Thank you once again for providing Historic England with the opportunity to comment. Please send us a copy of the determination as required by Reg 11 of the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004.

Yours sincerely,

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