

HRA screening clarification email Natural England

From: Grundy, Amanda (NE) [mailto:Amanda.Grundy@naturalengland.org.uk]
Sent: Tuesday, January 08, 2013 12:42 PM
To: Celia Dring
Subject: RE: Consultation on Sustainability Appraisal scoping report

Hi Celia

Sorry for any confusion. In short, Natural England supports the proposed changes to the BF objectives outlined in the SEA, most particularly *SO 8a Protect and where possible enhance green infrastructure* and to add the term 'green infrastructure' to objectives 3 and 7. With this in mind, I intend to respond to the Parish Council's consultation on the BF on behalf Natural England and will encourage them to incorporate the changes to the emerging neighbourhood plan.

Notwithstanding the above I can confirm that Natural England is satisfied that the plan, even in its current form, does not appear likely to result in likely significant adverse effects on national or European sites; however we do consider that the Plan's potential to achieve enhanced environmental, social and potentially economic outcomes would be increased by including an objective for green infrastructure and recognising it as a cross cutting theme. This would also be in accordance with the North Somerset core strategy and the NPPF.

I'm hope this clarifies the situation, but please do give me a call if you would like to discuss further.

Best wishes, Amanda

From: Celia Dring [mailto:Celia.Dring@n-somerset.gov.uk]
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Amanda, thank you very much for this. Just to clarify, do your comments apply provided the additional wording is added as set out in the Screening Document, or are they irrespective of whether the suggested changes are made to the plan text?
Many thanks,
Celia

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Dear Celia

Please find attached, Natural England's comments on the Backwell NP SA and HRA reports. I also attach a feedback form in case you have time to complete it.

I hope my letter is clear and helpful, but happy to discuss further.

All best wishes, Amanda

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