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## **Lostwithiel Neighbourhood Development Plan – SEA and HRA Screening**

As requested I have screened the Lostwithiel Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) to see whether the plan requires Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) or Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA.)

As required by the SEA regulations I produced a screening opinion for the neighbourhood plan and consulted the statutory bodies, Natural England, Historic England and the Environment Agency. I also asked Natural England to confirm whether or not HRA was required under the HRA directive. I supplied them with the July 2017 draft NDP, Parts 1 and 2.

Based on the scale and location of development proposed, Cornwall Council is of the opinion that the Lostwithiel Parish NDP is unlikely to have significant effects on the environment or on European Sites and that SEA and HRA is therefore not required.

This view is confirmed by the consultation bodies; I have attached the full screening opinion report and the responses from Natural England and Historic England. David Stuart, from Historic England raised a query about the allocation of car parks within the plan: I have considered his comments and looked at the sites and I do not consider that there will be an impact on historic assets that will trigger SEA screening; there may be other issue with the parking allocations that I will raise with you separately in comments on the plan. He is also very complimentary about your policies on the Historic Environment and character area approach.

As this is a draft plan, if significant changes or additions are made to your plan I would advise you to have it rescreened.

Yours sincerely,

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