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Dear Lee,

Re: Hatfield Peverel Neighbourhood Development Plan

Many thanks for your email and letter from the examiner, Mary O'Rourke of 5 September. The Parish Council have now had an opportunity to consider its contents and would like to suggest the following way forward.

The Parish Council confirm that the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Screening Report of June 2016 was based on an earlier draft of the NP. Therefore in respect of SEA we would like to suggest that the submission (Regulation 16) version of the NP is screened, and the earlier SEA Screening Report updated by way of an addendum or revised Screening Report so that there can be no doubt that the latest, submitted version of the NP, has been screened for SEA. This work will be undertaken by the same external consultants who undertook the original Screening Report. Once that revised Screening Report has been received, we would like an opportunity to share its conclusions with you, and then agree any further steps to remedy this matter once we all have certainty on the conclusions of that screening. Should that screening reveal that a full SEA is needed, then we, in association with Braintree District Council (BDC), will of course undertake that work at the earliest opportunity.

As BDC will confirm the Arla site, subject of the site allocation (Policy HO6), has now been granted planning permission subject to a legal agreement. BDC will be able to give you further details. Should this alter your request for information, please do let us know.

In relation to the Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA), BDC has already commissioned a HRA screening of the submission version of the NP. As with the updated SEA screening, we would appreciate a chance to share its conclusions with you, and then agree any further action that might be needed with you.

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We trust that by now you will have had sight of the Site Assessment document which is, and was, available on the Parish Council website alongside the other supporting evidence documents. If you are still having trouble finding or accessing this document, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Finally, with respect of a proposed timetable, BDC has already commissioned both the rescreening for SEA and the HRA screening. It is anticipated that both pieces of work will be expedited and that we will have both Screening Reports within three - four weeks. At that point, we would like to update you to agree any further necessary action. The Parish Council appreciates that further consultation is likely to be needed.

Our NP support consultant, Ann Skippers, has discussed and agreed this suggested course of action with BDC.

We would like to suggest that the examiner continues with the examination whilst this work is being undertaken so that the momentum can be maintained. If there are any other queries of clarification or other issues that require further information, we will of course do our very best to assist the examiner. We are grateful to the examiner for bringing these matters to our attention at an early stage in the process and trust this suggested course of action will be agreeable.

Yours sincerely,



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