

Fishbourne Neighbourhood Plan

Summary of Statutory Consultations – Strategic Environmental Assessment

Statutory Consultee	Summary of Comments
English Heritage – Reply 9 th September 2014	<p>The development of 15 houses adjacent to a Scheduled Monument may, in some circumstances, represent a “significant environmental effect”. However, given that the setting of Fishbourne Roman Palace is already largely urban, English Heritage does not consider that the development of 15 houses on the site proposed in the Neighbourhood Plan would have a significant environmental effect.</p> <p>English Heritage is therefore of the opinion that a Strategic Environmental Assessment for the Fishbourne Neighbourhood Plan is not required (in respect of likely effects on the historic environment).</p>
Environment Agency – reply 19th August 2014	<p>Fishbourne is in close proximity to Chichester Harbour and falls within the Apuldram WwTW. We understand that the level of development proposed in the Plan will be catered for by the available headroom at the WwTW following installation of the UV treatment on the storm overflow, as set out in your own Position Statement.</p> <p>We would consider that the scale of development proposed through the Neighbourhood Plan would not have significant environmental effect and as such would not require an SEA in relation to the issues in our remit.</p>
Natural England – reply 22 nd September 2014	<p>Providing the NP responds to the strategic steer coming through the Local Plan on matters relating to the natural environment, a SEA should not be needed.</p> <p>I note and welcome Policy SD1 which requires development to show how the design/layout can mitigate the “in</p>

combination” impact of development on the SPA, or to make a contribution to the Solent SPA Interim Planning Framework. These issues are also referred to in Policy SD3 - albeit as a constraint rather than a requirement of development. In addition Policy ENV4 ensures that development proposals, which would result in a loss of biodiversity, will not normally be permitted unless they can demonstrate that appropriate mitigation can be provided.

As a result, the NP makes adequate provision for avoiding or mitigating any significant effect on the nationally and internationally designated habitats of Chichester Harbour.

In respect of the designated landscape, the location and scale of development and the local topography mean that, subject to sensitive design, the proposals in the plan are unlikely to result in significant effect on the AONB.