

Birdham Neighbourhood Plan

Summary of Statutory Consultations – Strategic Environmental Assessment

Statutory Consultee	Summary of Comments
English Heritage – reply 19 th September 2014	<p>Having considered the Plan’s policies and proposals, English Heritage is of the opinion that it is not likely to have significant environmental effects and that therefore a Strategic Environmental Assessment is not needed.</p> <p>However, whilst in our opinion a formal SEA is not required, some form of assessment of the implications of the Plan’s policies and proposals against an agreed set of objectives may be a useful method of ensuring a robust Plan and identifying any unexpected and undesirable outcomes.</p>
Environment Agency – reply 3 rd September 2014	<p>We recognise that allocations are proposed through this plan but note that these sites have already gained planning permission.</p> <p>We therefore consider that the Neighbourhood Plan would not have a significant environmental effect and as such would not require an SEA in relation to the issues in our remit.</p>
Natural England – reply 26 th September 2014	<p>I note that this NP does not allocate land for new residential development as existing planning permissions will meet parish needs.</p> <p>The NP also notes (page 17) that the “main potential effect is recreational disturbance, which is covered by the Interim Solent Scheme and conformity with Policy 50 of the CDC Local Plan” – this (with other provision in the Local Plan) appears to provide an adequate basis for dealing with windfall proposals to avoid significant impact on the natural environment.</p>