

**Selsey Neighbourhood Plan – Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Scoping Report - May 2019**

**Representations Received:**

Arun District Council

Environment Agency

Highways England

Natural England

West Sussex County Council

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**To:** PlanningPolicy  
**Subject:** RE: Selsey Neighbourhood Plan – Strategic Environmental Assessment - Scoping Report - with attachment

Hello

Thank you for consulting us on the Selsey SEA Scoping document.

It is understood that the need for this document and an environmental report comes due to the trigger that the proximity to the designated site of Pagham Harbour SPA and Ramsar site meaning an Appropriate Assessment exercise is needed resulting from the Sweetman judgment.

We are glad to see that the Joint Mitigation Strategy (Bird Aware Pagham) is recognised and acknowledged in the Plans & Programmes table, as well as the inclusion of the qualifying features for the site in 3.5. Otherwise, in terms of the content we have no specific comment but would provide the following additional information to make the document as robust as possible.

1. The latest issuing of the NPPF in 2019 now has specific mention to the need for AA at para 177 due to the judgment, so may want to replace the existing entry in the Plans & Programmes table or add to it.
2. You may also want to include Biodiversity 2020 in the table -  
[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/69446/pb13583-biodiversity-strategy-2020-111111.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/69446/pb13583-biodiversity-strategy-2020-111111.pdf)

Obviously if anything changes in terms of the content of the Selsey Neighbourhood Plan or the accompanying environmental report we would appreciate being kept up to date.

Kind Regards

The Local Plan Team



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Dear Hannah

Thank you for your consultation on the SEA Scoping Report for the Selsey Neighbourhod Plan.

The Environment Agency is a statutory consultee for Strategic Environmental Assessments and provides advice to Local Planning Authorities on the scope and findings of the SEA. We note that the scope of the SEA has been directed solely to issues associated with biodiversity and therefore scoped out, e.g. water and soil. Whilst we do not have concerns with this approach, given the higher level SEA undertaken for the Chichester Local Plan, we would recommend that these issues still fully considered as part of the development of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Attached is the Neighbourhood Plan Checklist we have produced for Plans in Chichester District Council area which Selsey may find useful in progressing their Plan.

Kind regards,

Hannah

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**From:** PlanningSSD  
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Consultation: Selsey Neighbourhood Plan - Strategic Environmental Assessment - Scoping Report

Highways England reference: #7344

Dear Neighbourhood Planning Team,

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Highways England does not wish to comment on this scoping report.

If you have any queries regarding this response, please contact us at [PlanningSE@highwaysengland.co.uk](mailto:PlanningSE@highwaysengland.co.uk).

Kind regards,

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Please find attached Natural England's response in relation to the above mentioned consultation.

Kind regards,

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Thank you for your recent correspondence regarding the Selsey SEA Scoping Report in preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan.

The County Council does not have sufficient resources available to respond in detail to Neighbourhood Plan consultations (including SA/SEA/HRAs) unless there are potentially significant impacts on its services that we are not already aware of, or conflicts are identified with its emerging or adopted policies. When consulted we consider whether or not we will submit a response and if a response is needed, whether this be in the form of a formal County Council response to a consultation or general planning policy advice and development management guidance.

We can confirm we have no comments to make on this SEA Report.

Please continue to send consultations on the Neighbourhood Plan to [planning.services@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:planning.services@westsussex.gov.uk) and [caroline.west@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:caroline.west@westsussex.gov.uk), liaison will take place with services within the County Council and respond if it is considered appropriate.

Kind regards,

**Eloise Short**

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