

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

### **Representations Received:**

Arun District Council

Cllr Henry Potter

David Leah

Environment Agency

Highways England

Historic England

Natural England

West Sussex County Council

## Valerie Dobson

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**From:** Local Plan <localplan@arun.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 24 April 2019 15:40  
**To:** Neighbourhood Planning  
**Subject:** RE: Boxgrove Neighbourhood Plan – Strategic Environmental Assessment - Scoping Report

Hello

Thank you for consulting Arun District on the Boxgrove NDP SEA Scoping document.

In terms of the content of the document we are glad to note the mention of the Joint Mitigation Strategy (Bird Aware Pagham) relating to the designated site of Pagham Harbour SPA and Ramsar.

Simply for further information, the 2019 version of the NPPF at paragraph 177 specifically dealt with the need for where appropriate assessment may be needed, so it is suggested that this be added to the box relating to the NPPF in the Plans & Programmes table. In addition, you may also wish to insert Biodiversity 2020 into the table of relevant Plans & Programmes -

[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).

Kind Regards

The Local Plan Team



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**From:** Valerie Dobson [mailto:[vdobson@chichester.gov.uk](mailto:vdobson@chichester.gov.uk)] **On Behalf Of** Neighbourhood Planning

**Sent:** 24 April 2019 11:23

**Subject:** Boxgrove Neighbourhood Plan – Strategic Environmental Assessment - Scoping Report

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**From:** Boxgrove Parish Council <boxgrovepc2@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** 30 April 2019 09:09  
**To:** Neighbourhood Planning  
**Subject:** Boxgrove NP

Pipistrelle bats were a common sight in the evening sky to the west of my home, in recent years. It will be interesting to see if they are ever to be seen again since the building of 25 Bargate Homes began on open farmland here in Boxgrove.

Cllr. Henry Potter

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** David Leah  
**Sent:** 30 April 2019 07:03  
**To:** Neighbourhood Planning  
**Subject:** Boxgrove NP SEA Scoping Report April 2019

As part of the consultation process, I wish to report that bats are regularly flying around our property in Halnaker during the evening.

Your experts may like to investigate as part of the process to establish whether these are connected to the populations in Cocking and Singleton .

regards

David Leah

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**From:** Hyland, Hannah <hannah.hyland@environment-agency.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 22 May 2019 09:08  
**To:** Neighbourhood Planning  
**Subject:** RE: Boxgrove Neighbourhood Plan – Strategic Environmental Assessment - Scoping Report  
**Attachments:** Neighbourhood Plan Checklist Chichester.pdf

Dear Valerie

Thank you for your consultation on the SEA Scoping Report for the Boxgrove Neighbourhood 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 are 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 Boxgrove may find useful in progressing their Plan.

Kind regards,

Hannah

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## Chichester District Neighbourhood Plan Checklist

**This checklist is for Neighbourhood Plans covering Chichester District. Due to the high volume of neighbourhood plans across the county we have had to focus our detailed engagement to those areas where the environmental risks are greatest.**

Together with Natural England, English Heritage and Forestry Commission we have published joint advice on neighbourhood planning which sets out sources of environmental information and ideas on incorporating the environment into plans. This is available at:

[http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20140328084622/http://cdn.environment-agency.gov.uk/lit\\_6524\\_7da381.pdf](http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20140328084622/http://cdn.environment-agency.gov.uk/lit_6524_7da381.pdf)

The below checklist takes you through the issues we would consider in reviewing your Plan. We aim to reduce flood risk, while protecting and enhancing the water environment.

We recommend completing this to check whether we are likely to have any concerns with your Neighbourhood Plan at later stages.

### Flood Risk

Your Neighbourhood Plan should conform to national and local policies on flood risk:

- National Planning Policy Framework – para.155  
'Inappropriate development in areas at risk of flooding should be avoided by directing development away from areas at highest risk (whether existing or future). Where development is necessary in such areas, the development should be made safe for its lifetime without increasing risk elsewhere.'
- Chichester Local Plan: Key Policies 2014 - 2029 - Policy 42  
'... Flood and erosion risk will be taken into account at all stages in the planning process to avoid inappropriate development in areas at current or future risk, and to direct development away from areas of highest risk... "

If your Neighbourhood Plan is proposing sites for development check whether there are any areas of Flood Zones 2 or 3 within the proposed site allocations.

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How?

Input postcodes or place names at:

<https://flood-warning-information.service.gov.uk/long-term-flood-risk>

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If there are no areas of Flood Zones 2 or 3:

We are pleased to see that all development proposed through your Neighbourhood Plan has been directed to areas of lowest risk of flooding. This is consistent with the aims of national planning policy and the policies in the Chichester Local Plan.

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If you are aware that any of the sites have previously suffered flooding or are at risk of other sources of flood risk such as surface water or groundwater flooding we recommend you seek the advice of West Sussex County Council and Chichester District Council.

If sites proposed include areas at risk of flooding: In accordance with national planning policy the Sequential Test should be undertaken to ensure development is directed to the areas of lowest flood risk. This should be informed by the Environment Agency's flood map for planning and Chichester District Council's Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA). We recommend you contact Chichester District Council to discuss this requirement further.

We would have concerns if development is allocated in this high risk flood zone without the Sequential Test being undertaken.

It is important that your Plan also considers whether the flood risk issues associated with these sites can be safely managed to ensure development can come forward.

Next steps Please contact us (see details below) for further advice if any sites include areas of Flood Zone 3, which is defined as having a high probability of flooding, as we may have concerns with your Plan.

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## Natural Flood Management

The EA and Lead Local Flood Authorities are seeking to work in partnerships to deliver more natural flood management measures to complement and support traditionally engineered flood defences where appropriate. Natural flood management (NFM) is the alteration, restoration or use of landscape features to reduce flood risk.

NFM is therefore about working with natural processes in whole catchments and has the potential to help us manage and reduce flood risk in a more efficient, cost-effective and sustainable way. It can hopefully lead to sustainable, resilient catchments that benefit people, nature and the economy.

We can use a wide range of techniques to reduce flood risk by storing water (by using and maintaining the capacity of, ponds, ditches, embanked reservoirs, channels or land), increasing soil infiltration (through better soil and crop management), slowing flows (by increasing resistance to its flow, for example, by planting floodplain or riverside woods) and reducing water flow connectivity (by interrupting surface flows of water, for example, by water storage or planting buffer strips of grass or trees). Larger-scale works that also help reduce flood risk to communities downstream may include re-meandering rivers, and reconnecting them to their floodplain.

There may be opportunities through your neighbourhood plan where development could seek to deliver and indeed benefit from natural flood management measures. More information is available at the link below.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-with-natural-processes-to-reduce-flood-risk>

customer service line  
03708 506 506

incident hotline  
0800 80 70 60

floodline  
0345 988 1188  
0845 988 1188

[www.gov.uk/environment-agency](http://www.gov.uk/environment-agency)

## Water Management

In February 2011, the Government signalled its belief that more locally focussed decision making and action should sit at the heart of improvements to the water environment. This is widely known as the catchment-based approach and has been adopted to deliver requirements under the Water Framework Directive. It seeks to:

- deliver positive and sustained outcomes for the water environment by promoting a better understanding of the environment at a local level; and
- to encourage local collaboration and more transparent decision-making when both planning and delivering activities to improve the water environment.

Neighbourhood Plans provide an opportunity to deliver multi-functional benefits through linking development with enhancements to the environment.

Chichester District Council lies within the South East River Basin Management Plan area. This area is subdivided into catchments. The relevant catchment for your District is the Arun and Western Streams catchment. A Catchment Partnership has been established for each of these to direct and coordinate relevant activities and projects within the catchment through the production of a Catchment Management Plan. The Catchment Partnerships are supported by a broad range of organisations and individuals representing a whole host of interests.

The following websites provides information that should be of use in developing your Neighbourhood Plan:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/south-east-river-basin-management-plan>

<http://www.arunwesternstreams.org.uk>

## Wastewater Treatment

Chichester City, Fishbourne, Donnington and Apuldram Neighbourhood Plan areas fall within the drainage catchment of the Apuldram Wastewater Treatment Works. There are concerns regarding the impact of the storm overflow from the treatment works on the water quality in Chichester Harbour. We would recommend that you check with Chichester District Council that any allocation is in line with their Surface Water and Foul Drainage Supplementary Planning Document 2016.

## Infrastructure Delivery

We would recommend that environmental infrastructure, including habitat enhancements, water storage areas, and green space, is taken into account when looking to fund and deliver local infrastructure, including from any CIL funds that you receive.

**For further information or advice please email us at [planningssd@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:planningssd@environment-agency.gov.uk)**

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**From:** Bowie, David <David.Bowie@highwaysengland.co.uk>  
**Sent:** 13 May 2019 08:53  
**To:** Neighbourhood Planning  
**Cc:** Planning SE; Cleaver, Elizabeth; Franklin, Richard; Townend, Zoe  
**Subject:** Boxgrove Neighbourhood Plan – Strategic Environmental Assessment - Scoping Report Consultation

Dear Boxgrove Neighbourhood Plan Team

**Boxgrove Neighbourhood Plan – Strategic Environmental Assessment - Scoping Report Consultation**

**Our Reference:** 7397

Thank you for inviting Highways England to comment on this Consultation.

Highways England has been appointed by the Secretary of State for Transport as strategic highway company under the provisions of the Infrastructure Act 2015 and is the highway authority, traffic authority and street authority for the strategic road network (SRN). The SRN is a critical national asset and as such Highways England works to ensure that it operates and is managed in the public interest, both in respect of current activities and needs as well as in providing effective stewardship of its long-term operation and integrity.

We will therefore be concerned with proposals that have the potential to impact the safe and efficient operation of the SRN, in this case the A27.

We have reviewed this document and supporting evidence and have no comments.

Kind regards,

David

**David Bowie**

**Area 4 Spatial Planning Manager (Acting)**

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**Sent:** 05 June 2019 13:12  
**To:** Valerie Dobson  
**Cc:** Blackmore, Hannah  
**Subject:** Re: Boxgrove Neighbourhood Plan – Strategic Environmental Assessment - Scoping Report

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Dear Valerie

Thank you for consulting Historic England on the Scoping report for the Boxgrove Neighbourhood Plan SEA. I am happy to confirm that in this instance we are happy for the historic environment to be scoped out of the SEA process and, as such, have no further comments to make.

Yours sincerely

Robert Lloyd-Sweet

Robert Lloyd-Sweet | Historic Places Adviser | South East England | Historic England  
Historic England, 4th Floor Cannon Bridge House, 25 Dowgate Hill, London EC4R 2YA  
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**From:** Valerie Dobson  
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**To:** 'e-seat@historicengland.org.uk'  
**Subject:** FW: Boxgrove Neighbourhood Plan – Strategic Environmental Assessment - Scoping Report

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**From:** Croombs, Amy <Amy.Croombs@naturalengland.org.uk>  
**Sent:** 28 May 2019 16:51  
**To:** Neighbourhood Planning  
**Subject:** 281720 NE Response Boxgrove Neighbourhood Plan – Strategic Environmental Assessment – Scoping Report  
**Attachments:** 281720 - Boxgrove Neighbourhood Plan - SEA - Scoping Report.pdf

Dear Valerie,

### **Boxgrove Neighbourhood Plan – Strategic Environmental Assessment – Scoping Report**

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

Kind regards,

Amy Croombs  
Focus Area Adviser  
Area 14 Kent and Sussex

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Dear Valerie Dobson

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Thank you for your consultation on the above dated 24 April 2019

Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.

Natural England is a statutory consultee in neighbourhood planning and must be consulted on draft neighbourhood development plans by the Parish/Town Councils or Neighbourhood Forums where they consider our interests would be affected by the proposals made.

**Natural England has no specific comments to make on this neighbourhood plan SEA scoping.**

For any queries relating to the specific advice in this letter only please contact Amy Croombs on 07554115631. For any new consultations, or to provide further information on this consultation please send your correspondences to [consultations@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:consultations@naturalengland.org.uk).

Yours sincerely

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Sussex and Kent Area Team

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**From:** Eloise Short <Eloise.Short@westsussex.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 26 April 2019 14:46  
**To:** Neighbourhood Planning  
**Cc:** Caroline West  
**Subject:** FW: Boxgrove Neighbourhood Plan – Strategic Environmental Assessment - Scoping Report

Thank you for your recent correspondence regarding the Boxgrove 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,

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