



Hinckley & Bosworth
Borough Council

Desford Neighbourhood Plan

The Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004

Screening determination notice under Regulation 9(1)

Regulation 9 of the above regulations requires Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council (the 'responsible authority'), on behalf of Desford Parish Council (the 'responsible authority') to determine whether the Desford Neighbourhood Plan is likely to have significant environmental effects.

Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council, following consultation with the Environment Agency, Natural England and Historic England, has determined that the Desford Neighbourhood Plan is likely to have significant environmental effects with particular regard to the Botcheston Bog (SSSI), and therefore, a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) is required.

Historic England have noted that a lack of evidence has been provided in regards to the historic environment in the site assessments provided and as such the Strategic Environmental Assessment should also explore the potential environmental effect upon the Historic Environment. The local authority have considered this request carefully in discussion with Historic England and the Borough Council's Conservation Officer to identify whether the scope of the SEA should also include the Historic Environment and are of the opinion that there will not be a harmful impact on heritage assets. The Borough Council have determined that, although SEA Screening Opinion has not been informed by a site specific Heritage Impact Assessment, it would not be proportionate to request such an assessment for this site given that the potential for harmful impacts on heritage assets caused by its allocation (and future development) is minimal. Any potential effects on heritage assets would not be of a significant level to warrant consideration as part of a Strategic Environmental Assessment.

This notice fulfils the publicity requirements in accordance with Regulations 11(1) and 11(2).

A copy of this screening opinion and the associated screening report will be available on the council's website (Neighbourhood Planning webpage) or can be viewed during normal opening hours at:

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