



Hinckley & Bosworth
Borough Council

Markfield Neighbourhood Plan Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Screening Report – Addendum

17th September 2020

The Markfield SEA Screening Report¹ was published in August 2020. The draft screening report was subject to a five week consultation with the statutory consultees: Natural England, The Environment Agency and Historic England until the 26th August 2020.

The Borough Council received responses from Natural England and The Environment Agency who agreed with the conclusions of the report that the Markfield Neighbourhood Plan is not likely to result in significant environmental effects and accordingly does not require a Strategic Environmental Assessment or Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA). Following the end of the consultation period the Borough Council published the SEA² and HRA³ determination notices.

The Borough Council subsequently received a consultation response from Historic England on 8th September 2020. This addendum updates paragraph 6.1 of the SEA Screening Report to ensure the response submitted by Historic England has been considered and the SEA determination has been reviewed in light of this response.

The response by Historic England (included in Appendix 1) concluded that on the basis of the submitted information, no reasons relating to the historic environment were identified that would necessitate the preparation of an SEA. The conclusions set out in the Markfield SEA Screening Report (August 2020), SEA Determination Notice and HRA Determination notice remain appropriate.

¹ Markfield Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening Report – August 2020

² Markfield Neighbourhood Plan The Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 Screening Determination notice under Regulation 9(1) – 27th August 2020

³ Markfield Neighbourhood Plan Habitat Regulations Assessment Determination – 27th August 2020

Appendix 1 – Historic England Consultation Response to the Markfield SEA Screening Report

Chris Colbourn

From: Fletcher, Clive <Clive.Fletcher@HistoricEngland.org.uk>
Sent: 08 September 2020 12:33
To: Chris Colbourn
Cc: Hendy, Bethany
Subject: RE: Markfield Neighbourhood Plan: SEA Screening Opinion Request

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Dear Mr Colbourn,

Thank you for your consultation. On the basis of the submitted information Historic England do not find that there are historic environment reasons that would necessitate the preparation of an SEA.

Best wishes,

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Dear Sir/Madam,

The Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004, Regulation 9 Screening Determination: Markfield Neighbourhood Plan

European Union Directive 2001/42/EC requires a Strategic Environmental Assessment to be undertaken for certain types of plans and programmes that would likely have significant environmental effects. The Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 (the regulations) require that this is determined by a screening process, which should use a specified set of criteria (set out in schedule 1 of the regulations). The results of this process must be set out in an SEA Screening Determination Statement, which must be publicly available.

In accordance with Regulation 9 of the SEA Regulations 2004, Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council as the determining authority, consider that an environmental assessment of the emerging Markfield Neighbourhood Plan is not required as it is unlikely to have significant environmental effects. The Council has also concluded that a full Habitats Regulations Appropriate Assessment is not required. In making these determinations, the Borough Council has had regard to the Screening Report attached to this email. This assessment is in advance of the requirements to consult the statutory consultees of The Environment Agency, Natural England and English Heritage. This letter is a formal request for an opinion on this matter.

Attached to this correspondence is the screening report, including draft screening opinion of the need to carry out a Strategic Environmental Assessment for the draft Markfield Neighbourhood Plan and is made in accordance with the Regulations.

Please note that due to the file size of the draft Markfield Neighbourhood Plan you will also receive a 'Go Anywhere' link in a separate email to this correspondence from which you can download the plan.

We would appreciate your opinion in response to the screening report by **Wednesday 26th August 2020**. If no response has been received by this date it will be assumed that the draft screening opinion is correct and a Strategic Environmental Assessment is not required.

Please could you send your response to Chris.Colbourn@hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk

Kind regards,

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