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Date: 18 October 2024

Via E-mail

Dear Mr. Freeman,

WILSDEN NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN – EXAMINATION – PROCEDURAL MATTERS AND QUESTIONS

City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council (CBMDC) is in receipt of your letter (dated 16th January 2023) setting out the Procedural Matters in relation to the conduct of the examination of the Harden Neighbourhood Development Plan, together with initial questions for the Council and the Qualifying Body (Wilsden Parish Council). These have been placed on Examination page of the Wilsden Neighbourhood Plan section of the Council's website: <https://www.bradford.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-policy/neighbourhood-areas/?Folder=Wilsden\WilsdenReg17>. Responses to the questions from the Council and the Qualifying Body will be placed on this page in due course.

Following receipt of the above, it was suggested by the Parish Council that CBMDC were better placed to Question 2 in relation to Strategic Environmental Assessment/Habitat Regulations Assessment Screening and consultation with Natural England. Please find below our response:

2. Was Natural England consulted on the Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening and Habitats Regulations Assessment (SEA/HRA) screening? If so, please provide a copy of its response

Prior to the Regulation 14 consultation taking place, the three main statutory bodies (Environment Agency, Historic England and Natural England) were provided with copies of the of the SEA/HRA Screening Report in February 2022 for their comment. Responses were requested by 23rd March 2022.

Responses were received from all three bodies including Natural England. Their response was received slightly late on 28th March 2022. It stated that "*Based on the information provided Natural England agrees with the conclusions reached regarding both the Strategic Environmental Assessment and Habitat Regulations Assessment*". A redacted copy its attached to this letter.

As part of the Regulation 16 consultation (February/March 2024), Natural England together with a range of statutory/Duty to Co-operate bodies were consulted on the Draft Neighbourhood Development Plan and its various supporting documents. Natural England submitted a response on 14th March 2024. This stated that they "*Natural England does not have any specific comments*

on this draft neighbourhood plan". A copy has been provided to you as part of the documentation submitted alongside the neighbourhood development plan document.

If you require any further assistance or information, please do not hesitate to contact either myself or my colleague Emma Higgins via e-mail to: iain.cunningham@bradford.gov.uk or emma.higgins@bradford.gov.uk or telephone: 01274 431184/07866 127694 or 01274 431991/07582 100055)

Yours sincerely,

Iain Cunningham

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Iain Cunningham

From: Ash, [REDACTED]
Sent: 28 March 2022 09:53
To: Iain Cunningham
Cc: Stephen Hay
Subject: RE: Wilsden Neighbourhood Development Plan - Strategic Environment Assessment/Habitat Regulations Assessment Screening

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Dear Ian Cunningham,

Please accept our apologies for the delay in getting back to you on this case. We hope that this has not caused any significant inconvenience. Based on the information provided Natural England agrees with the conclusions reached regarding both Strategic Environment Assessment and Habitat Regulations Assessment.

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Ash
Lead Adviser
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 14 March 2022 11:53
To: SM-Defra-Plan Cons Area Team (Yorkshire & Northern Lincolnshire) (NE)
[REDACTED]
Subject: FAO [REDACTED] Ash - Remind response due - 2022-03-23 383524 Wilsden Neighbourhood Development Plan - HRA & SEA Screening (City of Bradford)
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Please see email below reminding that a response to the above consultation is due 23rd

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]
Adviser
Operations Delivery, Consultations Team

Mail to: [REDACTED]

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