

# Environment Agency Response:

**George Pavey**

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**From:** HNL Sustainable Places <HNLsustainableplaces@environment-agency.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 10 September 2019 11:04  
**To:** George Pavey  
**Cc:** Schneiders, Patrick H; Mitchell, Kai  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Thundridge Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan - SEA

**Importance:** High

Dear George

Thank you for your email on the requirement for a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) for the Thundridge Neighbourhood Plan.

I can confirm that there are no significant environmental impacts within our remit that would impact on the Neighbourhood Plan. However we do not advise on whether the plan falls under the requirements of the SEA Directive. Should you determine that a Neighbourhood Plan does require an SEA, we will await to be consulted on the scope to ensure our key environmental issues are addressed.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Kind regards

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# Historic England Response:



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3 July 2019

Dear Ms Cullen

## RE: Thundridge Neighbourhood Plan SEA Screening

Thank you for your email of 30 May 2019 regarding the above consultation. As the Government's adviser on the historic environment Historic England is keen to ensure that the protection of the historic environment is fully taken into account at all stages and levels of the local planning process. Therefore we welcome this opportunity to review the Screening Report for this plan. For the purposes of this consultation, Historic England will confine its advice to the question, "Is it (the Thundridge Neighbourhood Plan) likely to have a significant effect on the historic environment?". Our comments are based on the information supplied with the Screening Opinion.

The Screening Report considers that the plan will not have any significant effects on the historic environment.

We note that the Thundridge Neighbourhood Plan proposes to allocate two sites for development in the small settlement of High Cross, which is located north of Thundridge itself and north-west of the GII\* Registered Park and Garden of Youngsbury, from which it is separated by the line of the A10 dual carriageway.

On the basis of the information supplied, and after a conducting a desk top study of the sites, their context and likely pattern of development, in the context of the criteria set out in Schedule 1 of the Environmental Assessment Regulations [Annex II of 'SEA' Directive], Historic England concurs with the Council that the preparation of a Strategic Environmental Assessment is **not required**.

The views of the other two statutory consultation bodies should be taken into account before the overall decision on the need for an SEA is made.

I should be pleased if you can send a copy of the determination as required by REG 11 of the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004.

We should like to stress that this opinion is based on the information provided by you



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with your correspondence dated 30 May 2019. To avoid any doubt, this does not reflect our obligation to provide further advice on later stages of the SEA process and, potentially, object to specific proposals which may subsequently arise (either as a result of this consultation or in later versions of the plan/guidance) where we consider that, despite the SEA, these would have an adverse effect upon the environment.

Historic England strongly advises that the conservation and archaeological staff of the relevant local authorities are closely involved throughout the preparation of the plan and its assessment. They are best placed to advise on; local historic environment issues and priorities, including access to data held in the Historic Environment Record (HER), how the allocation, policy or proposal can be tailored to minimise potential adverse impacts on the historic environment; the nature and design of any required mitigation measures; and opportunities for securing wider benefits for the future conservation and management of heritage assets.

Please do contact me, either via email or the number above, if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely,



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# Natural England Response:

**Maya Cullen**

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**From:** Melvin, Jamie <Jamie.Melvin@naturalengland.org.uk>  
**Sent:** 09 August 2019 14:39  
**To:** Maya Cullen  
**Subject:** FW: 2019-07-04 286106 Thundridge Neighbourhood Plan SEA Screening (East Herts)

Dear Maya,

Apologies that Natural England have not responded to you sooner.

I can confirm that as far as Natural England's core remit is concerned we agree with the conclusion of the SEA Screening and do not consider that a detailed SEA is required.

Kind regards,

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