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Old Basing and Lychpit Parish Council

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Dear Sir or Madam,

Old Basing and Lychpit Neighbourhood Plan Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) Screening Opinion

This letter sets out the borough council's screening opinion concerning the need for SEA and HRA in relation to the Old Basing and Lychpit Neighbourhood Plan. This has been underpinned by a detailed report and consultation with the Environment Agency, Natural England and Historic England.

The screening process undertaken concludes that in order to meet the 'basic conditions'¹ for neighbourhood planning an Environmental Assessment is considered not to be required to accompany the Old Basing and Lychpit Neighbourhood Plan, and it would not need to be subject to HRA. The reasons for the decision are set out below:

Strategic Environmental Assessment

Following analysis undertaken to assess the effects on the environment resulting from the Old Basing and Lychpit Neighbourhood Plan including from the scale of development and other policies proposed, it is considered effects on the environment are not likely and therefore a SEA is not considered to be required.

Habitats Regulations Assessment

¹ Requirement (f), that the making of the order or neighbourhood plan does not breach, and is otherwise compatible with EU Obligations. The basic conditions are set out in [paragraph 8\(2\) of Schedule 4B to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990](#) as applied to neighbourhood plans by section 38A of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

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There is one European sites within a 10km buffer zone of the neighbourhood area and the draft plan is not proposing to allocate any development sites and includes policies to protect the historic and natural environment. It is therefore considered that there are not likely to be significant effects on any European sites and that an HRA is not required.

Further information on the above can be found within the final version of the Old Basing and Lychpit Neighbourhood Plan Screening Report (August 2025). The responses from the consultation bodies can be found in Appendix 5 of the document.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact Jessica Wells on Jessica.Wells@basingstoke.gov.uk or on 01256 845450.

Yours sincerely

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Enc. Final version of the Old Basing and Lychpit Neighbourhood Plan Screening Report (August 2025)