Dear Pat,


I am writing to you to confirm the formal view of the need for Strategic Environmental Assessment of the Broughton Neighbourhood Plan, in accordance with regulation 9 of the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 and the need for Habitat Regulations Assessment in accordance with Article 6 of the European Habitats Directive 1992 and the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 1994.

In relation to the need for Strategic Environmental Assessment, it is determined that the Broughton Neighbourhood Plan is likely to have significant environmental effects on the historic environment as a result of the allocation of sites for development. Therefore an SEA is required.

This determination has taken into account regulation 9 (2) (a) in that it has considered the criteria specific in Schedule 1 of the Environmental Assessments of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 and 9 (2) (b) through consultation with the consultation bodies of Natural England, the Environment Agency and English Heritage and has taken into account their responses in this determination.

This letter and the accompanying Screening Report explains the approach taken in determining the need for SEA and the reasons for the decision.

Working with and on behalf of local people.
In relation to the need for Habitat Regulations Assessment, the Neighbourhood Plan Screening Report and the Neighbourhood Development Order Habitat Regulations Assessment Screening Report explain the approach taken in determining the need for Habitats Regulations Assessment in accordance with Article 6 of the European Habitats Directive 1992 and the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 1994. It is determined that Habitat Regulations Assessment is not required for the Broughton Neighbourhood Plan or the Neighbourhood Development Order.

This decision is based on the information provided. If the content of the plan is revised and/ or there is a material change in the environmental characteristics in the locality then the comments contained in this decision would need to be reconsidered in order to take account of any changes.

Yours sincerely,

Rob Harbour

Head of Development Services