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Dear Tai Tsui,

Moreton, Bobbingworth and the Lavers Neighbourhood Plan

Thank you for your email of the 25th of March 2019.

Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.

Natural England concurs with your authority's view that an appropriate assessment under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 is not required for this version of the Neighbourhood Plan because:

- there are no sites being allocated for development within the proposed Neighbourhood Plan;
- there will be no significant environmental effects to result from the proposals in the Plan; and
- the Plan does not breach, and is otherwise compatible with, EU and Human Rights obligations.

Strategic Environmental Assessment

Where Neighbourhood Plans could have significant environmental effects, they may require a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) under the Environment Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004. Further guidance on deciding whether the proposals are likely to have significant environmental effects and the requirements for consulting Natural England on SEA are set out in the National Planning Practice Guidance at:

<http://planningguidance.planningportal.gov.uk/blog/guidance/strategic-environmental-assessment-and-sustainability-appraisal/does-a-neighbourhood-plan-require-a-sustainability-appraisal/>

Natural England is satisfied that the Local Planning Authorities conclusion that **an SEA is not required** is appropriate.

For any queries relating to the specific advice in this letter only please contact Jamie Melvin on 020 802 61025. For any new consultations, or to provide further information on this consultation please send your correspondences to consultations@naturalengland.org.uk.

Yours sincerely,

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