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Rye Neighbourhood Plan Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Screening

In accordance with the [Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004](#), Rother District Council (as the responsible authority) must determine whether the plan is likely to have significant environmental effects.

EU Directive 2001/42

(10) All plans and programmes which are prepared for a number of sectors and which set a framework for future development consent of projects listed in Annexes I and II to Council Directive 85/337/EEC of 27 June 1985 on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment (1), and all plans and programmes which have been determined to require assessment pursuant to Council Directive 92/43/EEC of 21 May 1992 on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild flora and fauna (2), are likely to have significant effects on the environment, and should as a rule be made subject to systematic environmental assessment. When they determine the use of small areas at local level or are minor modifications to the above plans or programmes, they should be assessed only where Member States determine that they are likely to have significant effects on the environment.

Following screening, Rother District Council is of the view that Rye Neighbourhood Plan **does** require an SEA.

RDC has consulted with the statutory environmental bodies (SEBs) – Natural England, the Environment Agency and Historic England as part of this process and their responses are attached. Both Natural England and Historic England are also of the view that SEA is required while the EA make no comment (although welcoming opportunity for involvement in the development of the Neighbourhood Plan itself).

It should be noted that RDC has already produced an 'SA Scoping Report for the Development and Site Allocations DPD' available here <http://www.rother.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=23425&p=0>. On page 29-32 of the link, there is a 'Framework' which as the Scoping Report states '*is also considered relevant and applicable to Neighbourhood Plans produced within the District*'.

Regards

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