



Mr Andrew Ward  
Linkinhorne Parish Neighbourhood Plan

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Dear Andrew,

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### **Linkinhorne Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan – SEA and HRA Screening**

As requested Cornwall Council has screened the Linkinhorne Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) to see whether the plan requires Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) or Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA.)

As required by the SEA regulations we produced a screening opinion report for the NDP and consulted the statutory bodies: Natural England, Historic England and the Environment Agency. We also asked Natural England to confirm whether or not HRA was required under the HRA directive.

The NDP could not be screened out for impacts on the Plymouth Sound SAC or the Tamar Estuaries Complex SPA. Appropriate Assessment has therefore been carried out and concludes that, due to strategic mitigation measures in the Cornwall Local Plan to deal with recreational impacts, it can be concluded that there will be no adverse impacts on the features of these European sites arising from the NDP. Natural England has confirmed that they are satisfied with this conclusion.

Based on the scale and location of development proposed in the draft plan, and the strategic and local policy framework, Cornwall Council is of the opinion that the Linkinhorne Parish NDP is unlikely to have significant effects on the environment and that SEA is therefore not required. This view has been confirmed by the consultation bodies.

If significant changes or additions are made to your plan I would advise you to have it rescreened.

Yours sincerely,

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