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SEA and HRA screening determination for the North West Hatfield Masterplan SPD

This letter sets out the Council's screening opinion concerning the need for a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) or Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA) in relation to the North West Hatfield Masterplan SPD. This screening is based on the draft version of the SPD received 28th February 2024.

Based on the contents of the SPD, and on consultation with the statutory bodies (Environment Agency, Natural England, Historic England), the following determination is made: a SEA and HRA of the North West Hatfield Masterplan SPD is not required.

The date of the determination is as per the date of this letter.

The reasons for this decision are set out in the accompanying Statement of Reasons. The comments made by the statutory consultees have been appended to the Screening Report.

This decision has been based on the information provided in the draft version of the North West Hatfield Masterplan SPD received 28th February 2024. The final version of the SPD has now been received and there have been no material changes which would require the screening opinion to be revised.

A copy of this Determination Letter and the Statement of Reasons will be made available on the Council's website [\[https://www.welhat.gov.uk/planning-policy-guidance/masterplans-1\]](https://www.welhat.gov.uk/planning-policy-guidance/masterplans-1) and are available to view in the reception of Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council, The Campus, Welwyn Garden City, Herts AL8 6AE.

Yours sincerely

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