
From: Coates, Rachael
Sent: 23 January 2018 10:15
To: 'richardhigh
Cc: Crich Parish Clerk
Subject: RE: Crich Neighbourhood Plan

Dear Richard

Thank you for your email. I can confirm that the Borough Council will revisit the Screening Opinion and get back to you in due course.

Kind regards

Rachael

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Margaret Lane

Subject: Crich Neighbourhood Plan

Dear Rachael

After careful consideration, I have come to the conclusion that I cannot conclude that the Plan “does not breach and is otherwise in conformity with European Regulations” unless the SEA screening assessment is revisited to consider the implications of the change to the Settlement Development Boundary of Crich made after the Regulation 14 Consultation.

The screening assessment carried out by Aecom in February 2017 concluded that “*Should the scope or nature of the NP change substantially through further revisions of the draft plan then this opinion should be revisited.*” In my judgement the extension of the Crich Settlement Development Boundary is a significant change, having regard to the potential for development that it would create and its proximity to the neighbouring SSSI and listed building. The consultation that took place with the community at this time did not include the statutory consultees for SEA.

I note the response to my query that “As the impacts of development arising from the proposed housing growth site have been assessed and considered through the Sustainability Appraisal process and Habitat Regulations Screening Assessment (May 2017) it was considered that no changes were required to the SEA screening determination.” However, this Sustainability Appraisal relates to the emerging Local Plan and has not been examined. It is likely that the neighbourhood plan will come into effect before the Local Plan.

I therefore consider that it is necessary for the SEA screening assessment to be reviewed in the light of the modification made and that the consultation bodies should be consulted in accordance with regulation 9 (2) of the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations. The Council will then be required to issue a new determination as to whether a SEA is necessary with a statement of reasons in accordance with regulation 9 (3). Clearly if it is determined that a SEA is necessary it will need to be prepared.

I will suspend my examination until the necessary steps have been completed. I appreciate that this process will cause some delay and regret that I did not identify the need for this earlier in the examination.

Kind Regards

Richard