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**Greater Carpenters
Neighbourhood Plan**

Strategic Environmental Assessment:
Screening Opinion

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1 Introduction

This screening opinion has been prepared on behalf of the London Legacy Development Corporation, as the responsible authority, by Over Arup & Partners Limited. This screening opinion considers whether the Greater Carpenters Neighbourhood Plan, will result in likely significant environmental effects, and therefore whether a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) is required. The draft Greater Carpenters Neighbourhood Plan (4th draft, 6th February 2017, ‘the Plan’) has been screened under Regulation 9(1) of the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004¹ (‘the SEA Regulations’), which implement the SEA Directive into domestic legislation.

SEAs are legislated for by European Directive 2001/42/EC (‘the SEA Directive’) “on the assessment of the effects of certain plans and programmes on the environment”, and are required “*to provide for a high level of protection of the environment and to contribute to the integration of environmental considerations into the preparation and adoption of plans and programmes with a view to promoting sustainable development*”².

There is no legal requirement for a neighbourhood plan to have a SA as set out in Section 19 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. However, if SEA screening determines that further assessment is required, guidance associated with SA³ is considered to provide a useful approach for undertaking SEA of a neighbourhood plan. The planning practice guidance on SEA for neighbourhood plans⁴ states that a strategic environmental assessment may be required, for example, where:

- a neighbourhood plan allocates sites for development;
- the neighbourhood area contains sensitive natural or heritage assets that may be affected by the proposals in the plan; and
- the neighbourhood plan is likely to have significant environmental effects that have not already been considered and dealt with through a sustainability appraisal of the Local Plan.

¹ Schedule 1 Criteria for determining the likely significance of effects on the environment, available at: <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2004/1633/schedules/made>

² A Practical Guide to the Strategic Environmental Assessment Directive, available at:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/7657/practicalguidesea.pdf

³ DCLG (2015) Planning Practice Guidance: Strategic environmental assessment and sustainability appraisal.

⁴ Strategic environmental assessment and sustainability appraisal, paragraph 046, available at:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/strategic-environmental-assessment-and-sustainability-appraisal#strategic-environmental-assessment-requirements-for-neighbourhood-plans>

2 Greater Carpenters Neighbourhood Plan

The Plan was prepared by the Greater Carpenters Neighbourhood Forum, to further social, economic and environmental well-being of the Greater Carpenters area. The Plan aims to guide development for Site Allocation SA3.4: the Greater Carpenters District from the Local Plan, and two Local Open Spaces.

The area is shown in Figure 1 and includes the Carpenters Estate and the surrounding blocks of flats. It includes Carpenters Primary School, the Carpenters and Docklands Centre, the building Crafts College, Carpenters Estate TMO building, local shops, businesses and the Carpenters Arms.

The neighbourhood lies within Flood Zone 3 and is to the north east of the Waterworks River. The neighbourhood is also within the Newham Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) designated for PM₁₀ and NO₂.

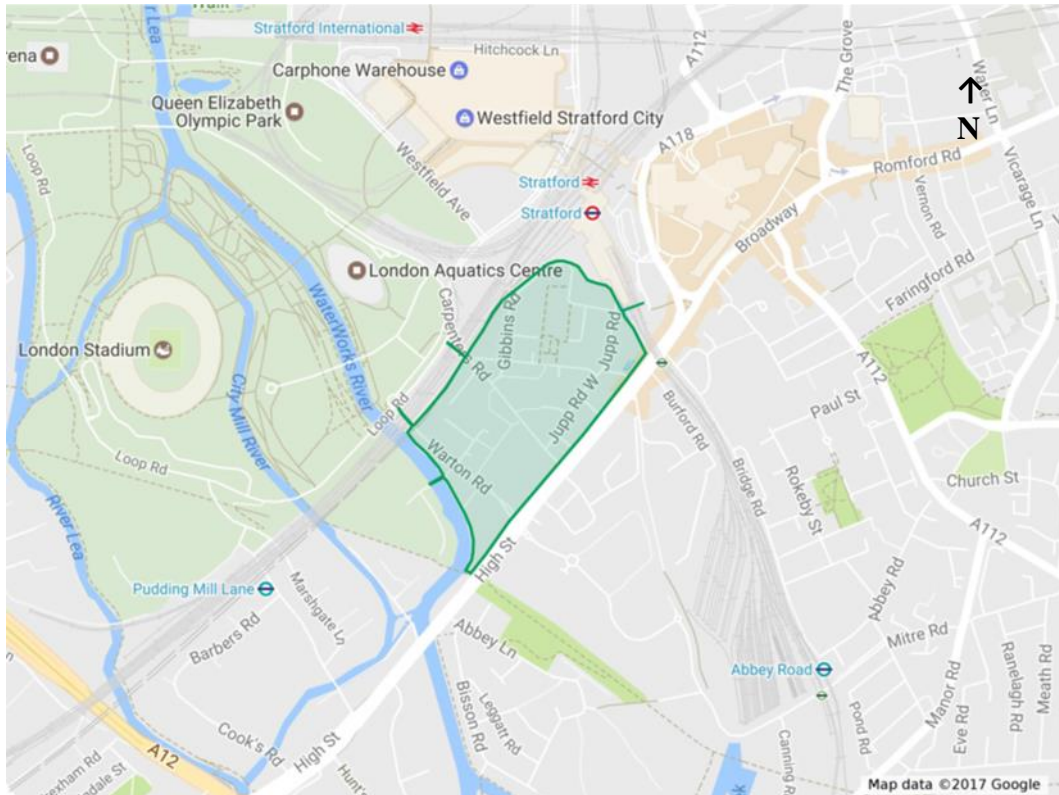


Figure 1: Greater Carpenters Neighbourhood

The Plan comprises seven vision statements, which are supported by eleven objectives; a masterplan, and six policies, as summarised in Table 1. The final policy (4.6 Project List) lists the proposed projects applicable to the Greater Carpenters neighbourhood area.

Table 1: Greater Carpenters Neighbourhood Plan Summary

Plan Themes	Relevant Plan Vision	Associated Plan Objectives	Relevant Supporting Figures	Relevant Plan Policy
Housing	1.1 Revitalised	2.2 Energy & Water Infrastructure 2.4 Housing refurbishment & sensitive infill	3.1 Proposed New Development 4.10 Proposed Housing	4.3 Homes refurbishment & sensitive infill 4.6 Project List
Community	1.1 Revitalised 1.2 Vibrant and inclusive 1.4 Healthy 1.5 Empowered 1.7 Engaged	2.3 Green space, biodiversity & community gardening 2.5 Health & wellbeing 2.7 Education & skills 2.8 Community ownership & empower 2.9 Community culture & assets of community value 2.11 Heritage & legacy	3.1 Proposed New Development 4.1 Fast food buffer zones 4.7 Proposed uses for public green space	4.2 Green space, biodiversity & community gardening 4.5 Community facilities, ownership & empowerment 4.6 Project List
Economy	1.6 Integrated	2.1 Economy & Employment	3.1 Affordable Workspace above Garages	4.1 Economy & employment 4.5 Community facilities, ownership & empowerment 4.6 Project List
Transport	1.5 Empowered 1.6 Integrated	2.6 Transport connections & movement	3.1/4.15 Proposed bus route 276 3.1/4.17 Proposed bus route 339 4.13 Proposed bus route 205 4.18 Proposed pedestrian network 4.19 Proposed cycling network	4.4 Transport connections & movement 4.6 Project List
Public Realm	1.2 Vibrant and inclusive 1.4 Healthy	2.3 Green space, biodiversity & community gardening 2.9 Community culture & assets of community value 2.11 Heritage & legacy	3.1 Proposed Green Corridor 3.1 Proposed Green Space Network 4.7 Proposed uses for public green space	4.2 Green space, biodiversity & community gardening 4.6 Project List
Sustainability	1.1 Revitalised 1.3 Resilient	2.2 Energy & Water Infrastructure 2.3 Green space, biodiversity & community gardening 2.10 Meanwhile uses	4.6 Proposed Green Space Network 4.7 Proposed uses for public green space	4.1 Economy & employment 4.2 Green space, biodiversity & community gardening 4.3 Homes refurbishment & sensitive infill 4.6 Project List

3 SEA Screening Assessment

SEA Screening Criteria

Table 2 below sets out the screening criteria contained within Schedule 1 of the SEA Regulations, and assesses the contents of the Plan against these criteria. This is undertaken by considering whether the implementation of the Plan is likely to result in significant environmental effects.

Table 2: Assessment of the Greater Carpenters Neighbourhood Plan against the SEA screening criteria

SEA Screening Criteria	Relevant Aspects of the Plan	Significant Impact
1. The characteristics of plans and programmes, having regard, in particular, to—		
(a) the degree to which the plan or programme sets a framework for projects and other activities, either with regard to the location, nature, size and operating conditions or by allocating resources;	<p>Proposals in the Plan include three housing developments, two housing extensions, changes to bus routes, new pedestrian crossings, improved access to Stratford station, new workspace above existing garages, changes to public realm lighting, new uses for Public Green Space, road space re-allocation, and restrictions on operating conditions of some businesses.</p> <p>Most of these proposals are consistent with the Local Plan and SA, though aspects in the Plan regarding new workspace above garages and new uses for Public Green space provide more specific details. These factors have the potential to result in significant effects.</p> <p>The proposed changes to bus routes have not been tested in the SA, though bus route location is within the remit of TfL.</p>	Possibly, but at a local level without mitigation
b) the degree to which the plan or programme influences other plans and programmes including those in a hierarchy;	The Plan exists as the most locally focused document in the hierarchy of planning policy, though it is likely to influence future planning applications in the neighbourhood. As there is a limited and focussed influence, it is unlikely that this would lead to significant environmental effects at more than a local level.	No.
(c) the relevance of the plan or programme for the integration of environmental considerations in particular with a view to promoting sustainable development;	As summarised in Table 1, the Plan considers waste generation, biodiversity, green networks, landscaping, health-focussed development, sustainable drainage, active transport prioritisation, bird boxes, community owned solar power and sustainable housing within its policies. All of the environmental considerations in the Plan are consistent with the Local Plan, and are unlikely to result in significant environmental effects.	No.
(d) environmental problems relevant to the plan or programme;	The Plan aims to address environmental problems such as poor air pollution, low biodiversity, natural amenity, and flood risk. These problems are also noted within the Local Plan, therefore it is	No.

SEA Screening Criteria	Relevant Aspects of the Plan	Significant Impact
	considered that significant environmental effects are unlikely.	
(e) the relevance of the plan or programme for the implementation of Community legislation on the environment (for example, plans and programmes linked to waste management or water protection).	The Plan encourages economic strategies that consider waste management, and house building that demonstrates SuDS, effective waste management, and use of renewable energy. However, the Plan does not go into detail about implementation of these environmental initiatives as details are likely to be developed as projects are brought forward. The Plan does not influence the implementation of the Community legislation on the environment, therefore it is considered that these initiatives are unlikely to have significant environmental effects.	No.
2. Characteristics of the effects and of the area likely to be affected, having regard, in particular, to—		
(a) the probability, duration, frequency and reversibility of the effects;	The proposed changes to bus routes have not been tested in the SA of the Local Plan, and proposals for workspace and new uses for Public Green Space provide more specific details to that tested within the Local Plan. Though it is likely that effects would be experienced at a local level and mitigated within each project. The effects of these interventions are likely to be reversible, however the duration and frequency of effects is unknown at this stage.	Possibly, but at a local level without mitigation
(b) the cumulative nature of the effects;	The proposed changes to bus routes, further detail for new workspace above garages, and new uses for Public Green space have not been tested for cumulative effects in the SA of the Local Plan. The receptors of these cumulative effects are unknown, so the significance is uncertain.	Possibly, but at a local level without mitigation
(c) the trans-boundary nature of the effects;	Due to the location of the Greater Carpenters Neighbourhood, transboundary effects are considered unlikely.	No.
(d) the risks to human health or the environment (for example, due to accidents);	Due to the location of the Greater Carpenters Neighbourhood in Flood Zone 3, risks to human health or the environment from flooding are considered likely in the long term (once in 100 years), and would be exacerbated by climate change. However, project specific mitigation (implementation of climate change resilience) would reduce the likelihood of effects.	Possibly, but at a local level without mitigation
(e) the magnitude and spatial extent of the effects (geographical area and size of the population likely to be affected);	The Plan remains inside the boundaries of SA3.4, and covers 6.6ha. The population is approximately 2,250 people.	No.
(f) the value and vulnerability of the area likely to be affected due to—	The neighbourhood lies within Flood Zone 3 and is within the Newham Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) designated for PM ₁₀ and NO ₂ . There are no heritage designations. The proposed changes to bus routes, new workspace above garages, and new	Possibly, but at a local level without mitigation

SEA Screening Criteria	Relevant Aspects of the Plan	Significant Impact
(i) special natural characteristics or cultural heritage; (ii) exceeded environmental quality standards or limit values; (iii) intensive land-use;	uses for Public Green space may encourage land-use intensification, which may result in more vehicle trips.	
(g) the effects on areas or landscapes which have a recognised national, Community or international protection status.	There are no landscapes which have a recognised national, Community or international protection status within the Plan area, however there are two Local Open Spaces that are considered assets of community value. The Plan proposes several initiatives that would affect open spaces in the neighbourhood.	Possibly, but at a local level without mitigation.

Comparison with the SA of the Local Plan

Having assessed the Plan against the criteria in Schedule 1 of the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004¹, it is evident that there is a potential for significant environmental effects to occur as a result of interventions included in the Plan. However, a material consideration in this determination is whether the SA of the London Legacy Development Corporation (LLDC) Local Plan 2015 ('the Local Plan') addresses any potential significant effects associated with the Plan.

Table 3-7 of the SA⁵ of the Local Plan summarises the site allocation for Greater Carpenter District (SA 3.4) against 15 SA objectives. Nine of the objectives have positive appraisals, five are neutral, and one is positive or negative depending on implementation. Mitigation and enhancement measures were suggested where it was deemed to mitigate adverse effects or enhance positive effects.

The aspects of the Plan relevant to housing are likely to be in line with the findings of the SA against objective 4 *To ensure housing provision meets local needs*, which was assessed as neutral. The Plan incorporates 500 additional dwellings driven by local needs, though this is unlikely to be of a scale that new or different effects would occur compared to the SA.

The Plan is likely to positively influence SA objectives 7 *To encourage sustainable economic growth, inclusion and business development* and 8 *To increase employment opportunities for all residents in the local area*, which were assessed as neutral in the SA, by proposing additional low cost workspace, a priority local apprenticeships / employment, and a local business association. Although this may result in different (positive) effects, these are likely to already be maximised and are not likely to benefit from assessment. If all of the garages identified in Figure 3.1 of the Plan were built on, the resulting 50-60 units would

⁵ Strategic Environmental Assessment and Sustainability Appraisal, available at <http://www.queenelizabetholympicpark.co.uk/-/media/lldc/local-plan/local-plan-examination-documents/local-documents/ld6--sustainability-appraisal-2014-inc-appendices--combined.ashx?la=en>

have negligible effects on townscape, daylight, sunlight, and overshadowing, and visual impact due to their low profile in the context of the surrounding 2-3 storey residences. The new units may increase traffic in the area but would likely be negligible.

SA objective 9 *To protect and enhance biodiversity* and SA objective 10 *To protect and enhance townscape character and quality (including open space, public realm improvements and urban design)*, were assessed as neutral and positive respectively within the SA. The various proposed new uses for Public Green space would have a positive impact on biodiversity and community health, and may also increase walking as a mode of transport.

SA objective 11 *To protect and enhance the cultural heritage resource*, was assessed as neutral within the SA, would likely be positively influenced by the Plan, with respect to the proposed local heritage/history trail.

SA objective 12 *To protect and enhance the quality of water features and resources and reduce the risk of flooding*, was assessed in the SA as being positive or negative depending on implementation. Objective 12 is likely to be positively influenced by the Plan due to the requirement that change of use developments include water retention measures, and that refurbishments include rainwater harvesting measures.

The proposals not included in the local plan are the proposed changes to bus routes, and further detail is provided on the mix of uses relating to new workspace above garages, and new uses for Public Green space. If all of the proposed changes to bus routes were implemented, they may result in localised changes to traffic flow, particularly for bus route 339, but the effects are unlikely to extend beyond the Great Carpenters neighbourhood.

Spatial extent of effects

Whilst it is noted in section 0 that as a result of the interventions contained within the Plan significant environmental effects may arise, it is important to understand the spatial context of these effects. Under Regulation 5(6) of the SEA Regulations, an environmental assessment is not likely to be required if a plan determines the use of a small area at a local level, unless significant effects are likely. With reference to this, it is likely that any effects would be experienced at a local level and have limited significance with respect to changing the current environment.

4 Consultation

This screening opinion has also been the subject of consultation with the statutory consultation bodies identified in the SEA Regulations. These statutory bodies are:

- Natural England
- Historic England
- the Environment Agency

In addition, as a result of likely interest in the Plan, the London Borough of Newham and Transport for London have also been consulted as part of this screening process.

The full responses received are included in Appendix A. A summary of consultation responses is reported below.

Natural England

Natural England have stated that the Plan will not have significant effects on sensitive sites and is unlikely to affect significant populations of protected species. Therefore, the Plan does not need a SEA or a Habitats Regulations Assessment.

Historic England

Comments still awaited.

The Environment Agency

The Environmental Agency notes that the Plan area is in flood zones 2 and 3, and that the River Lee runs adjacent to the south western boundary of the Plan area. However they are in agreement that flooding impacts or impacts to the River Lee would have been assessed in the SEA of the Local Plan and that any site specific impacts would be addressed on a development by development basis.

London Borough of Newham

Comments still awaited.

Transport for London

Transport for London agree that transport impacts from the Plan would be local and negligible, and as such that the Plan does not require SEA.

5 Screening Opinion

The purpose of this screening opinion is to determine under Regulation 9(1) of the SEA Regulations whether the Greater Carpenters Neighbourhood Plan is likely to give rise to significant environmental effects and therefore require further SEA.

The formulation of this screening opinion has been based on:

- Assessing the Plan against the SEA screening criteria contained within Schedule 1 of the SEA Regulations;
- Undertaking a review of the findings of the SA of Policy SA3.4 of the Local Plan; and
- Taking note of the comments of statutory consultation bodies and key stakeholders

Based on these factors, it is considered that further SEA of the Greater Carpenters Neighbourhood Plan is not required. The reasons for this are as follows:

1. The majority of effects have already been addressed as part of the SA of the Local Plan. No new effect are likely, but where there are potentially different effects, these are positive in nature.
2. The effects that occur are at a local level, in this case the Greater Carpenters neighbourhood. The population exposed to these potential change are small and effects would be confined to the neighbourhood area.
3. Any development that comes forward as a result of the Plan would also be subject to Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), if it met the relevant thresholds, and would be subject to further assessment at the project level stage.

Appendix A

Consultation Responses

A1 Natural England

Date: 12 April 2017
Our ref: 212576
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BY EMAIL ONLY

Dear Gudrun,

Thank you for your consultation on the above dated 5 April 2017.

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.

Screening Request: Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening for Greater Carpenters Neighbourhood Plan

Natural England is a statutory consultee in neighbourhood planning and must be consulted on draft neighbourhood development plans by the Parish/Town Councils or Neighbourhood Forums where they consider our interests would be affected by the proposals made.

We have checked our records and based on the information provided, we can confirm that in our view the proposals contained within the plan will not have significant effects on sensitive sites that Natural England has a statutory duty to protect. Natural England's opinion is that Greater Carpenters Neighbourhood Plan does **not** require a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) or a Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA).

We are not aware of significant populations of protected species which are likely to be affected by the policies / proposals within the plan. It remains the case, however, that the responsible authority should provide information supporting this screening decision, sufficient to assess whether protected species are likely to be affected.

We welcome the consideration of green corridors and multi-functional green infrastructure within the plan. Natural England does not have any further specific comments on this draft neighbourhood plan. However, we refer you to the attached annex which covers the issues and opportunities that should be considered when preparing a Neighbourhood Plan.

For any queries relating to the specific advice in this letter only please contact Sally Harries on 0208 026 4005. For any new consultations, or to provide further information on this consultation please send your correspondences to consultations@naturalengland.org.uk.

We have attached a feedback form to this letter and welcome any comments you might have about our service.

Yours sincerely

Sally Harries, Sustainable Development, Thames Team

Annex 1 - Neighbourhood planning and the natural environment: information, issues and opportunities

Natural environment information sources

The [Magic](http://magic.defra.gov.uk/)¹ website will provide you with much of the nationally held natural environment data for your plan area. The most relevant layers for you to consider are: **Ancient Woodland, Local Nature Reserves, National Trails, Priority Habitat Inventory, public rights of way (on the Ordnance Survey base map)** and **Sites of Special Scientific Interest (including their impact risk zones)**.

Local environmental record centres may hold a range of additional information on the natural environment. A list of local record centres is available [here](#)².

Priority habitats are those habitats of particular importance for nature conservation, and the list of them can be found [here](#)³. Most of these will be mapped either as **Sites of Special Scientific Interest**, on the Magic website or as **Local Wildlife Sites**. Your local planning authority should be able to supply you with the locations of Local Wildlife Sites.

National Character Areas (NCAs) divide England into 159 distinct natural areas. Each character area is defined by a unique combination of landscape, biodiversity, geodiversity and cultural and economic activity. NCA profiles contain descriptions of the area and statements of environmental opportunity, which may be useful to inform proposals in your plan. NCA information can be found [here](#)⁴.

There may also be a local **landscape character assessment** covering your area. This is a tool to help understand the character and local distinctiveness of the landscape and identify the features that give it a sense of place. It can help to inform, plan and manage change in the area. Your local planning authority should be able to help you access these if you can't find them online.

Natural environment issues to consider

The [National Planning Policy Framework](#)⁵ sets out national planning policy on protecting and enhancing the natural environment. [Planning Practice Guidance](#)⁶ sets out supporting guidance.

Your local planning authority should be able to provide you with further advice on the potential impacts of your plan or order on the natural environment and the need for any environmental assessments.

Landscape

Your plans or orders may present opportunities to protect and enhance locally valued landscapes. You may want to consider identifying distinctive local landscape features or characteristics such as ponds or woodland and think about how any new development proposals can respect and enhance local landscape character and distinctiveness or add to new and innovative landscape.

Wildlife habitats

Some proposals can have adverse impacts on designated wildlife sites or other priority habitats (listed [here](#)⁷), such as Sites of Special Scientific Interest or [Ancient woodland](#)⁸. If there are likely to be any adverse impacts you'll need to think about how such impacts can be avoided, mitigated or, as a last resort, compensated for.

Priority and protected species

You'll also want to consider whether any proposals might affect priority species (listed [here](#)⁹) or

¹ <http://magic.defra.gov.uk/>

² <http://www.nbn-nfbr.org.uk/nfbr.php>

³ <http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20140711133551/http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/ourwork/conservation/biodiversity/protectandmanage/habsandspeciesimportance.aspx>

⁴ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-character-area-profiles-data-for-local-decision-making>

⁵ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-planning-policy-framework--2>

⁶ <http://planningguidance.planningportal.gov.uk/blog/guidance/natural-environment/>

⁷ <http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20140711133551/http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/ourwork/conservation/biodiversity/protectandmanage/habsandspeciesimportance.aspx>

⁸ <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/ancient-woodland-and-veteran-trees-protection-surveys-licences>

⁹ <http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20140711133551/http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/ourwork/conservation/biodiversity/protectandmanage/habsandspeciesimportance.aspx>

protected species. To help you do this, Natural England has produced advice [here](#)¹⁰ to help understand the impact of particular developments on protected species.

Improving your natural environment

Your plan or order can offer exciting opportunities to enhance your local environment. If you are setting out policies on new development or proposing sites for development, you may wish to consider identifying what environmental features you want to be retained or enhanced or new features you would like to see created as part of any new development. Examples might include:

- Providing a new footpath through the new development to link into existing rights of way.
- Restoring a neglected hedgerow.
- Creating a new pond as an attractive feature on the site.
- Planting trees characteristic to the local area to make a positive contribution to the local landscape.
- Using native plants in landscaping schemes for better nectar and seed sources for bees and birds.
- Incorporating swift boxes or bat boxes into the design of new buildings.
- Think about how lighting can be best managed to encourage wildlife.
- Adding a green roof to new buildings.

You may also want to consider enhancing your local area in other ways, for example by:

- Setting out in your plan how you would like to implement elements of a wider Green Infrastructure Strategy (if one exists) in your community.
- Assessing needs for accessible greenspace and setting out proposals to address any deficiencies or enhance provision.
- Identifying green areas of particular importance for special protection through Local Green Space designation (see [Planning Practice Guidance on this](#)¹¹).
- Managing existing (and new) public spaces to be more wildlife friendly (e.g. by sowing wild flower strips in less used parts of parks, changing hedge cutting timings and frequency).
- Planting additional street trees.
- Identifying any improvements to the existing public right of way network, e.g. cutting back hedges, improving the surface, clearing litter or extending the network to create links.
- Restoring neglected environmental features (e.g. coppicing a prominent hedge that is in poor condition, or clearing away an eyesore).

¹⁰ <https://www.gov.uk/protected-species-and-sites-how-to-review-planning-proposals>

¹¹ <http://planningguidance.planningportal.gov.uk/blog/guidance/open-space-sports-and-recreation-facilities-public-rights-of-way-and-local-green-space/local-green-space-designation/>

A2 The Environment Agency

From: [HNL Sustainable Places](#)
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Date: 17 May 2017 14:06:31
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hi Gudrun

I don't recall seeing this consultation before but thanks for bringing it to my attention.

Our comments are as follows:

Thank you for consulting us on the SEA screening opinion for the Greater Carpenters Neighbourhood Plan. We are a statutory consultee in the SEA process and aim to reduce flood risk and protect and enhance the water environment.

We have identified that the neighbourhood plan area will be affected by the following environmental constraints:

Flood risk

The neighbourhood plan area is sited within areas of flood zone 2 and 3.

Main river

The River Lee (Tottenham Locks to Bow Locks/Three Mills Lock) runs adjacent to the neighbourhood plan area on the south-westerly boundary. This watercourse is currently failing to reach good ecological status/potential under the Water Framework Directive because it is heavily modified and is impacted from urban diffuse pollution, point source pollution, etc. It is currently classified as having bad ecological status. Developments within or adjacent to this watercourse should not cause further deterioration and should seek to improve the water quality based on the recommendations of the Thames River Basin Management Plan. A WFD assessment of the potential impacts of the development on this watercourse may be required if direct works are proposed.

The SA/SEA for the Local Plan should have assessed/reviewed the potential impacts of any site allocations. We acknowledge that an EIA/specific assessments accompanying the planning application should adequately address the environmental constraints identified.

For your information we have published joint advice with Natural England, English Heritage and the Forestry Commission on neighbourhood planning which sets out sources of environmental information and ideas on incorporating the environment into plans.

This is available at:

<http://publications.environment-agency.gov.uk/PDF/GEHO0212BWAZ-E-E.pdf>

Kind regards

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Subject: RE: SEA Screening for Greater Carpenters Neighbourhood Plan

Dear Keira

You may recall that we recently contacted with regarding a consultation on a SEA Screening Opinion for the Greater Carpenters Neighbourhood Plan. This consultation period has now ended therefore I am seeking confirmation that you had no comments you wished to make on this document.

Please can you confirm either way as soon as possible.

Regards

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Apologies a copy of the screening opinion also attached.

Regards

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Dear Keira

Please see attached letter informing you of the SEA Screening Opinion consultation for the Greater Carpenters Neighbourhood Plan.

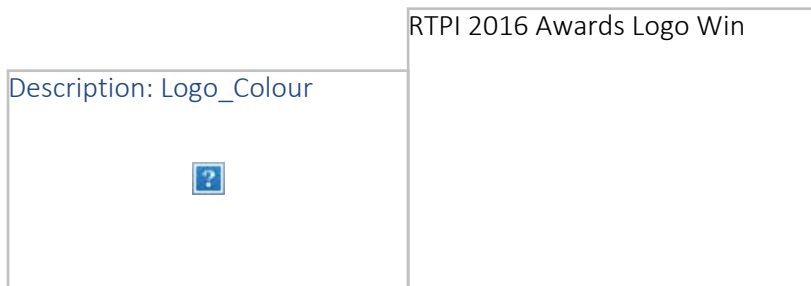
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From: [Neale Timothy](#)
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Subject: SEA Screening for Greater Carpenters Neighbourhood Plan
Date: 02 May 2017 15:57:25

Dear Alex,

The screening opinion identifies that the transport impacts of the draft proposals would be local and negligible in nature.

As such I agree with the screening opinion report conclusion in section 5 that further SEA of the Greater Carpenters Neighbourhood Plan is not required.

Please feel free to contact me if I can be of any further assistance in this matter.

Regards

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