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Draft Hackbridge and Beddington Corner Neighbourhood Plan Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening Report

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Dear Mr Whitter,

Thank you for your letter dated 2nd March 2017, consulting Historic England on the Draft Hackbridge and Beddington Corner Neighbourhood Plan Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening Report.

Historic England welcomes the London Borough of Sutton's screening report which helpfully sets out the contents of the Draft Hackbridge and Beddington Corner Neighbourhood Plan. We note that having been consulted on an earlier version of the Plan, we have not yet been consulted on the pre-submission draft. This is despite heritage being included among the key objectives (6.2). However, for the purposes of advising on this screening report we have reviewed the Plan to establish the likelihood of it causing significant environmental effects.

In line with our advice dated 20th April 2016 on an earlier draft of the Neighbourhood Plan, we would draw your attention to the archaeological potential within the neighbourhood area, notably the Wandle Gravels Archaeological Priority Area. The APAs in Sutton have not been reassessed yet as part of the Greater London programme being actioned by Historic England. However, a rapid assessment of the area indicates a high potential for archaeology across a number of periods with the possibility for areas within the Plan area to be assessed as being of Tier 1 quality, nationally important. While proposals such as groundwater boreholes (EP8) could impact upon archaeology, it may be the case that they would not cause 'significant environmental effects', such that would require SEA. However, this will be largely dependent upon proposed locations on a case by case basis. Therefore I would encourage you/the Forum to contact the Greater London Archaeology Advisory Service for further advice. I have copied my colleague Mark Stevenson into this email, who is best placed to advise.

Taking into account the scale, nature and location of the neighbourhood area and the likely environmental impacts of the policies in this Neighbourhood Plan in terms of built heritage, Historic England agrees with the Borough's screening opinion set out in table 4.1 that there are unlikely to be significant environmental effects caused by this Plan. As such we agree that this Plan would not require an environmental assessment.

Finally I must note that this opinion is based on the information provided by you and for the avoidance of doubt does not take precedence over our obligation to advise you on, and potentially object to development proposals which may subsequently arise from this Neighbourhood Plan and which may have adverse effects on the environment.

I hope this is of assistance. Please contact me if there are any further questions.

Yours sincerely,

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