

**South Milton Neighbourhood Plan – Proposed Modification to include a Principal Residence policy**

**SEA/HRA Screening Opinion**

Hi Nick,

Thanks for your email and good to hear from you.

In terms of the SEA, the introduction of the Principal Residence Requirement policy (Policy H5) does not have any implications in relation to SEA requirements. This is given that the policy is unlikely to result in the SMNP leading to significant environmental effects that would not otherwise have occurred. As such, there is not a need for additional assessments to be undertaken, either as part of a full or partial SEA process.

Whilst we did not undertake an HRA for the SMNP, our HRA specialist James Riley has confirmed that the introduction of Policy 5 is not likely to lead to implications relating to the European designated biodiversity sites present in the wider area (including the South Devon Shore Dock Special Area of Conservation).

I hope this is the information you need.

Best regards,

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