

Milly Southworth
Town Clerk
Torpoint Town Council

Date: 16th Sept 2022

Dear Milly,

Torpoint Neighbourhood Plan – SEA and HRA Screening

As requested, I have screened the Torpoint Neighbourhood Plan to determine whether the plan requires Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) or Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA).

As required by the SEA regulations I produced a screening opinion for the Neighbourhood Plan and consulted the statutory bodies: Natural England; Historic England; and the Environment Agency. I also asked Natural England to confirm whether or not Appropriate Assessment was required under the Habitats Regulations Directive.

Based on the scale of development proposed and the sensitive nature of the environment in the Neighbourhood Plan area, Cornwall Council is of the opinion that the Torpoint Neighbourhood Plan could have a significant impact on the environment and therefore, Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) is required. With regard to European Sites, we are unable to conclude that the Plan will not impact upon the Plymouth Sound and Estuaries SAC and the Tamar Valley Complex SPA and as such Appropriate Assessment (HRA) will also be required under the Habitats Regulations Directive. This view is confirmed by the consultation bodies. I have attached the full screening opinion report and the feedback from Natural England and Historic England.

As this is a draft plan, if significant changes or additions are made to your Plan, we would advise you to have it rescreened.

Here is the link to the guidance on our website: [Strategic Environmental Assessment \(cornwall.gov.uk\)](https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/strategic-environmental-assessment) which explains a little more about the process and has a link to the funding and technical support available.

Yours sincerely,

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