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Dear Ann

Thank you for the update on the progression of the Examination, which I have passes on to the QB.

With regard to your query, I hope that the following information is helpful.

The Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening (Dec 2021) indicate that no further work is necessary, and the Habitats Regulation Assessment Screening (Sept 2021) concluded an Appropriate Assessment was required, which then concluded that in combination mitigation set out in both the Neighbourhood Plan (NP and within other higher-level plans (TDBC Core Strategy) the NP would have no adverse impact.

SWT was subsequently contacted by the environmental consultants who undertook these, Lepus Consulting, who advised us that an Environmental Report should be undertaken. This was produced and consulted on between 26 Jan and 10 March 2022 (six weeks and 1 day). The invitation to submit representations was sent to:

- the Statutory Consultees
- all persons on the SWT Neighbourhood Plan Consultation Data Base
- all persons who submitted representations at Reg 16

SWT received five representations from:

- Natural England
- Historic England
- Environment Agency
- National highways
- Somerset Ecology

They either had no comments to make, concluded that they did not consider the NP was likely to have significant environmental effects or considered that a full SEA was not required (please see attached reps – redacted versions of which have been placed on the Councils website for the Examination).

I hope that the above is helpful. If you require any other information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards

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