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Dear James,

**Determination of the need for further Appropriate Assessment 'AA'
Proposed Earls Barton Neighbourhood Plan**

Following your request for the Borough Council of Wellingborough to determine the likelihood of any adverse impact caused by your plan on any local Natura 2000 site, we are now pleased to summarise and present our qualified response within this letter.

At this stage, and in response to our duty under the EU SEA Directive 1992/43/EC based upon the information contained within your screening report entitled 'Habitats Regulation Assessment Screening for Appropriate Assessment Version 3', we can confirm that no further Appropriate Assessment will be required in support of your plan. This is. This determination follows the detailed dialogue held between officers of the Council, Natural England and yourselves to ensure that the screening is based upon the most robust evidence available. To this end, please find enclosed the final opinion of Natural England arrived at as a response of these discussions.

As we are aware that your plan is still to be subject of a formal 6 week period of community consultation, under Regulation 14 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, we are also aware that it may be subject to change. If any substantive changes are to be made as a result of the consultation exercise we would welcome a discussion to ensure that the determination in this letter remains valid.

In the meantime, I hope the response within this letter provides sufficient clarity in relation to the need for AA.

Yours sincerely



Alex Munro
Neighbourhood Planning Officer

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