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Dear Sir or Madam,

**Planning Consultation: Ham and Petersham Neighbourhood Plan HRA Screening Report**

Thank you for your consultation on the above dated 16 May 2018.

Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.

Natural England is a statutory consultee in neighbourhood planning and must be consulted on draft neighbourhood development plans by the Parish/Town Councils or Neighbourhood Forums where our interests would be affected by the proposals made.

In our review of the Ham and Petersham Neighbourhood Plan HRA screening we note that;

- there are designated sites or protected landscapes within the impacts zones of the Neighbourhood Plan area and the Plan does allocate additional sites for development in the form of potential sites identified by the public during consultation.

However, we are satisfied that the additional sites do not constitute a significant change from the situation considered in the Local Plan HRA and as such we agree that a HRA is not required and refer you to our original response dated 11/07/2014.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Mr Wealthy,

**Planning consultation:** Pre-Publication Site Allocations Plan – new additional sites.  
**Location:** Richmond.

Thank you for your consultation on the above dated 06 June 2014.

Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.

**Pre-Publication Site Allocations Plan – new additional sites & Sustainability Appraisal (SA):**

Having checked the additional site allocations and the SA that goes with these it is clear that there are no issues which would need to be raised in addition to any of the comments already put forward within the mitigation proposed for sites in the SA report. The only site which it would be worth mentioning in relation to ensuring that it gets adequate protection from unnecessary development in future would be “HP 3 Cassel Hospital, Ham Common, Ham” which is noted correctly as being a difficult site to re-develop due to its setting and Natural England wouldn’t disagree with the suggestion for not allowing development which included any additional land take on that site.

Having also recently checked the Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) of these sites it is clear that there aren’t any major issues which would need raising at this stage with regard to their proposed uses or their siting. Provided that the plans put forward are in keeping with what is already in the area and make sure to incorporate various elements of Green Infrastructure, such as Green Roofs or Walls, then the new sites should broadly have a positive impact post re-development.

We would be happy to comment further should the need arise but if in the meantime you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

For any queries relating to the specific advice in this letter only please contact Piotr Behnke on 0300 060 1963. For any new consultations, or to provide further information on this consultation please send your correspondences to [consultations@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:consultations@naturalengland.org.uk).

We really value your feedback to help us improve the service we offer. We have attached a feedback form to this letter and welcome any comments you might have about our service.

Yours sincerely,

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