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Dear Ms Darke

re:

**BISHOPS TACHBROOK NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN - STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT & HRA SCREENING OPINIONS**

Thank you for your consultation of 30 March and the request for Screening Opinions.

For the purposes of consultations on SEA Screening Opinions, English Heritage confines its advice to the question, "Is it likely to have a significant effect on the environment?" in respect of our area of concern, cultural heritage. Our comments are based on the information supplied with the screening request.

On the basis of the information supplied, including that set out in the draft plan, and in the context of the criteria set out in Schedule 1 of the Environmental Assessment Regulations [Annex II of 'SEA' Directive], English Heritage concludes that the preparation of a Strategic Environmental Assessment is unlikely to be required.

The views of the other statutory consultation bodies should be taken into account before the overall decision on the need for a SEA is made. If a decision is made to undertake a SEA, please note that English Heritage has published guidance on Sustainability Appraisal / Strategic Environmental Assessment and the Historic Environment that is relevant to both local and neighbourhood planning and available at: <http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/publications/strategic-enviro-assessment-sustainability-appraisal-historic-environment/>



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As regards the HRA Assessment English Heritage does not wish to comment in detail and would defer to Natural England and other statutory consultees, however, we have no adverse comments to make on the report.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Boland', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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