



**WELWYN
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SEA and HRA screening determination of the Welwyn Neighbourhood Plan

This letter sets out the Council's screening opinion concerning the need for a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) or Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA) for the Welwyn Neighbourhood Plan. This screening is based on the Regulation 14 version of the neighbourhood plan, dated April 2024.

Based on the contents of the neighbourhood plan, and consultation with the statutory bodies (Environment Agency, Natural England, Historic England), the following determination is made: a SEA and HRA of the Welwyn Neighbourhood Plan is not required.

The date of the determination is as per the date of this letter.

The reasons for this decision are set out in the accompanying Statement of Reasons. The comments received from the statutory consultees have been appended to the initial screening assessment.

This decision has been based on the information provided in the Regulation 14 version of the neighbourhood plan dated April 2024. If the content of the neighbourhood plan significantly changes, new or amended policies are introduced and/or there is a material change in the environmental characteristics of the locality, then this determination may be revisited to take account of those changes.

A copy of this Determination Letter and the Statement of Reasons will be made available on the Council's website [<https://www.welhat.gov.uk/planning-policy/designated-neighbourhood-plan-areas/2>] and are available to view in the reception of Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council, The Campus, Welwyn Garden City, Herts AL8 6AE.

Yours sincerely

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