



**Clerk to Stondon Parish Council
The Village Hall, Hillside Road
Lower Stondon
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SG16 6LQ**

Your ref:

Our ref: STN/SEA/22

Date: 23/11/2022

Dear A. Marabese

SEA Screening Determination of Stondon Neighbourhood Plan

In accordance with Regulation 9 of the SEA Regulations 2004, Central Bedfordshire Council, as the responsible authority, has determined on **23rd November 2022** that a **Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)** of the emerging Stondon Neighbourhood Plan **is not required** as it is unlikely to have significant environmental effects.

As part of this SEA screening, Habitat Regulations screening was undertaken because plans that are likely to have significant impact on European Sites require a Strategic Environmental Assessment in addition to an Appropriate Assessment (Habitat Regulation Assessment). This screening concluded that the Stondon NP is unlikely to have significant impact on European sites and therefore the **Stondon NP does not require a full HRA to be undertaken.**

In making this determination, the Council has had regard to Schedule 1 of the Regulations and has carried out consultation with the statutory consultation bodies. An assessment against Schedule 1 of the Regulations and comments made by the consultation bodies are set out in the attached SEA Screening Determination Statement.

The above determination was made based on information provided by Stondon Parish Council on the content of the emerging Plan, in this instance: the draft Stondon Neighbourhood Plan and the draft Stondon Green Infrastructure Plan, submitted to the Council on 17th October 2022.

Should the content of the Final Submission Plan be revised and/or there is a material change in the environmental characteristics in the locality (e.g. any new or any changes to nature conservation designations), then the screening process will have to be reviewed and determination reconsidered to take account of the changes.

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This may result in changes to the above determination. It is Stondon Parish Council's responsibility to inform Central Bedfordshire Council about any changes before the final submission of their Neighbourhood Plan.

A copy of the statement will be available in due course for inspection at the Council website at:

[Neighbourhood planning | Central Bedfordshire Council](#)

It will also be available on request at: Central Bedfordshire Council, Priory House, Monks Walk, Chicksands, Shefford, SG17 5TQ.

Yours sincerely

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