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For the attention of Sarah Hughes, Neighbourhood Planning Officer

Dear Ms Hughes

Houghton NDP - Request for screening opinion on requirement for Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA)

As you know, Houghton Parish Council are in the process of preparing a Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP). An outline of the emerging NDP has been developed with regard to a vision, objectives and planning policies, and we will shortly be starting to write the document itself.

We are aware of the need to consider the implications for environmental assessment and have read your helpful guidance note of December 2016.

In line with that guidance, we are now writing to request a screening opinion on the need for SEA and HRA. We enclose a supporting report, prepared by our consultant, that aims to provide sufficient information for you and others to consider whether our NDP is likely to have significant environmental effects.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need any further information at this stage. You are welcome to contact our consultant direct (his details are at the end of the supporting report); please copy me in to any correspondence.

Yours sincerely

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Mrs C L Cotterell
Parish Clerk and RFO to Houghton Parish Council