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Dear Michael

Glaphorn Neighbourhood Plan SEA Screening Opinion

Thank you for consulting us on the above strategic environmental assessment (SEA) screening opinion for Glaphorn's Neighbourhood Plan.

We have reviewed the SEA screening form, the draft plan dated July 2017 in the context of SEA requirements and other information provided in support of your request. Based on the policies and site allocations put forward, we consider that Glaphorn Neighbourhood Plan is unlikely to have significant adverse environmental effects on the aspects of the environment we cover. However, we would welcome partnership opportunities with your Authority to secure beneficial impacts for the water environment including riparian zone biodiversity and other aspects within our remit.

We note that the policies set out in Glaphorn Neighbourhood Plan are of no wider coverage than those already addressed by the North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy. We welcome the application of the flood risk sequential test to the allocated sites, i.e. steering development to areas at low risk of flooding. We are aware that the sites put forward for allocation are to be considered separately through individual assessments at development planning level.

Accordingly, it is our view that given the scale and nature of the plan in the context of the emerging Part 2 Local Plan for East Northamptonshire and the adopted Joint Core Strategy, fit for purpose environmental assessments, if required should potentially satisfy the scope of any issues we raise at further detailed stages.

Should you require any additional information, or wish to discuss our response to your screening opinion request, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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