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Dear Jill,	5 October 2020

## St Just-in-Penwith Parish Neighbourhood Plan – SEA and HRA Screening

As requested, Cornwall Council has screened the St Just-in-Penwith Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) to see whether the plan requires Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) or Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA.)

As required by the SEA regulations we produced a screening opinion report for the NDP (1 July 2020 draft) and consulted the statutory bodies: Natural England, Historic England and the Environment Agency. I also asked Natural England to confirm whether or not HRA was required under the HRA directive.

Both Natural England and Historic England raised queries about Policy RE3: Onshore Wind and, as a result of discussions involving the steering group, consultation bodies and Cornwall Council, the policy wording was slightly amended and the SEA screening report was updated, to address these concerns.

Based on the scale and location of development proposed in the draft plan, Cornwall Council is of the opinion that the St Just-in-Penwith Parish NDP is unlikely to have significant effects on the environment or on European Sites and that SEA and HRA is therefore not required.

This view is now confirmed by the consultation bodies and the full updated screening report and the responses from the Environment Agency, Natural England and Historic England are attached.

If significant changes or additions are made to your NDP I would advise you to have it rescreened.

Yours sincerely,

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