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Dear Sue

Re: Marden Neighbourhood Plan (Regulation 16) Environmental Statement (Regulation 15(1)(e)(ii)

As part of the above Neighbourhood Plan submitted earlier this month Marden NP Steering Group wish to make the following Environmental Statement:

"As a result of the Screening Assessment prepared by Maidstone Borough Council the Marden Neighbourhood Plan is not likely to have a significant effect on the environment.

Additionally the Marden Neighbourhood Plan is not considered likely to cause a significant effect on a European site, and will not therefore require an assessment for future development under Article 6 or 7 of the Habitats Directive (Article 3.2(b)). Historic England, the Environment Agency and Natural England are in agreement with these conclusions."

Attached is a copy of the Strategic Environmental Assessment and Habitats Regulations Assessment Screening Report (June 2018) qualifying the above statement.

Kind regards

Yours sincerely

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