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Dear Mr Rendle

### **Planning Consultation: Knightsford Neighbourhood Plan**

Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.

### **Screening Request: Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA)**

**It is Natural England's advice, on the basis of the material supplied with the consultation, that significant effects on Habitats Sites are unlikely.**

The proposed neighbourhood plan is unlikely to significantly affect any Special Areas of Conservation (SAC), Special Protection areas (SPA), Ramsar wetland or sites in the process of becoming SACs or SPAs ('candidate SACs', 'possible SACs', 'potential SPAs') or a Ramsar wetland.

The Neighbourhood Plan has produced a Strategic Environmental Assessment which has identified there is going to be no significant environmental effects.

Natural England agree with the recommendations within the HRA to include policies and wording relating to the policies that are in place to protect the SAC, SPA and Ramsar sites.

Natural England **support** the proposed additional safeguards set out in the conclusions of the report in Section 7, the proposed modifications will allow the Council to be certain that the Neighbourhood Plan will not have any significant effects on the habitats and International sites scoped in for consideration.

Please send any new consultations, or further information on this consultation to [consultations@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:consultations@naturalengland.org.uk).

Yours sincerely

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