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## Hello Nick,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Plaistow and Ifold SEA Scoping Report. Please find our comments below:

## Air Quality

The section on air quality does not reference air quality impacts on biodiversity. In light of the High Court ruling on the Lewes Joint Core Strategy and subsequent implications for measuring the impact of traffic movements on European designated nature sites, consideration should be given to the potential impact of traffic movements on nearby designated sites including Ebernoe Common and the Mens which are sensitive to air pollution.

# **Biodiversity**

Reference is made to Ebernoe Common Special Area of Conservation (SAC). However, the Mens SAC is also less than 7km away and therefore the effects of development will need to be considered in relation to the conservation features and overall integrity of both of these sites under the Habitats Directive. Both of these sites have been protected for their importance for bats. This means has implications for the supporting habitats and commuting / foraging routes of bats which may extend into the neighbourhood area and will need to be protected.

#### Landscape and Historic Environment

The South Downs National Park gained International Dark Sky Reserve status in 2016. Development within the setting of the National Park must have due regard to the special qualities of the National Park. It would be good to see the protection of dark night skies within the landscape objective of the sustainability framework.

Best wishes

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Hi Stella,

As you will be aware, Plaistow and Ifold Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group is currently preparing a Neighbourhood Development Plan for Plaistow and Ifold Parish in West Sussex.

To accompany the development of the Neighbourhood Plan a Strategic Environmental Assessment is currently being undertaken to inform and influence the plan-making process.

A Scoping Report has now been prepared for the SEA.

On this basis, please find attached the Scoping Report for your comment. The consultation period will begin today (5<sup>th</sup> June 2017) and ends Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2017. This incorporates the statutory five week period for scoping consultation.

We look forward to the SDNPA's comments. In the meantime, if you have any questions on the SEA process currently being carried out for the Plaistow and Ifold Parish Neighbourhood Plan, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Best regards,

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