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Fwd: Biopark Screening Opinion

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Scoping email to WHBC below

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From: **Eve Campbell** <ecampbell@hghconsulting.com>
Date: Fri, 20 Nov 2020 at 14:40
Subject: Re: Biopark Screening Opinion
To: Clare Howe <c.howe@welhat.gov.uk>
Cc: Mark Westcott <mwestcott@hghconsulting.com>

Hi Clare

Thank you for issuing the Screening Opinion. I can confirm that we have issued a request for a Screening Direction and I will forward you a copy.

Noting your comments on Scoping. I understand that you have concluded that in order to mitigate the potential risk of legal challenge you advise that a formal scoping should be undertaken.

I've given this some thought and based on the information set out within the Screening, I am confident that we have sufficient information to progress with an ES without the need for formal Scoping. The technical matters for

consideration seem clear:

- Air Quality
- Transport
- HTVIA

Given the limited technical scope of an ES, which would be limited to Air Quality, Transport and HTVIA, we can engage with the appropriate consultees to agree a formal methodology in relation to these topics.

As per the EIA Regulations, we will also consider the need for cumulative impact in relation to these topics.

Clearly, following the submission of the planning application and ES (if required), the Council will have an opportunity to consult on the ES and seek further information if required at that stage.

I'm happy to talk this over with you further if you think it would be helpful.

Kind regards

Eve

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On Wed, 18 Nov 2020 at 14:34, Clare Howe <c.howe@welhat.gov.uk> wrote:

Good afternoon Eve,

As promised earlier this week, please find attached a letter confirming a positive screening opinion as discussed.

Following the meeting Friday we have had an internal discussion regarding the way forward in relation to a Scoping Opinion (SO). It was concluded that the SO would need to be carried out in a formal manner to prevent

any potential JR. If you intend to request a SO I advise you submit it, along with an ES at your earliest convenience so I can undertake the statutory consultations. I will then aim to issue the SO report to Sarah soon after the statutory consultation period has expired to prevent any unnecessary delay.

For my timetable and awareness in relation to this scheme, can you please notify me when you have written to the Secretary of State and have had a response from them.

Kind regards,

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