To:

Environment Agency

Natural England

Historic England

Lewes District Council

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Wivelsfield Neighbourhood Plan:**

**Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Scoping Report**

Wivelsfield Parish Council is preparing a Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) for the parish in accordance with the 2004 Planning Act, the 2011 Localism Act and the 2012 Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations.

Since the publication of the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Screening Opinion in February 2015, in light of changing circumstances, the District Council has recommended that a SEA is prepared for the Wivelsfield Neighbourhood Plan.

The attached Scoping Report is a scope of the framework we propose to use in assessing the likely environmental effects of the neighbourhood plan. Other sections of the report contain background information in relation to the designated and non-designated environmental and heritage assets within and in proximity to the designated Neighbourhood Area.

I understand that in accordance with Section 12 of the Environmental Assessment of Plans & Programmes Regulations 2004 the Parish Council is obliged to consult your organisation as one of the statutory bodies on the proposed scope and that you should be given five weeks to respond.

I would therefore be grateful for you to consider the July 2015 update to the SEA Screening Opinion in Annex A and the remainder of the Scoping Report so that we may begin the preparation of the SEA. We would appreciate a response by Friday 5th September 2015.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,

Ian Dawson

Chairman Wivelsfield Parish Council