



East Cambridgeshire
District Council

9 January 2024

Strategic Environmental Assessment Determination Statement

Cheveley Neighbourhood Plan

Purpose of this Determination Statement

This Determination Statement has been produced by East Cambridgeshire District Council (ECDC) as the “responsible authority”, to meet the requirements of Regulation 9 of the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004. It sets out ECDC’s main conclusions in respect of significant environmental effects likely to arise from implementation of the draft Cheveley Neighbourhood Plan (CNP). To assist writing this this Statement, ECDC has reviewed a copy of the draft CNP dated September 2023 as consulted upon and which, it is understood, will likely be a similar Plan as to be formally submitted to the Council for examination.

This Determination Statement will form a Submission Document for the purposes of neighbourhood planning, as required by The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended) (reg. 15(1)(e)(ii)).

It is intended that this Determination Statement be read alongside the Cheveley Neighbourhood Plan *Screening Report (November 2023, as updated January 2024)*. ECDC prepared that Report and has been used by the District Council to assist in reaching this Determination Statement.

Screening Report

On 30 November 2023, ECDC consulted the statutory bodies on the *Screening Report* as then dated November 2023. Responses were received from *Historic England*, *Natural England* and the *Environment Agency*. Those response have been added as appendices to the Report, and the Report front cover updated to recognise this.

The Screening Report conclude, in summary, that the Cheveley Neighbourhood Development Plan:

- Does not require a full *Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)* (i.e. *screened out*); and
- Does not require a full *Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA)* (i.e. *screened out*).

The statutory consultees did not suggest any alternative conclusions, and, in effect, therefore endorsed such conclusions.

Determination

Based on the assessment undertaken in the Screening Report and the responses received from statutory bodies, East Cambridgeshire District Council considers that it is not likely that significant environmental effects will arise from the implementation of the draft Cheveley Neighbourhood Plan, and therefore Strategic Environmental Assessment is not required. Likewise, it is considered that a full Habitats Regulations Assessment will not be required.