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Ms K Watkins
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Dear Ms Watkins

DETERMINATION OF THE NEED FOR STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (SEA) IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATION 9(1) OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OF PLANS AND PROGRAMMES REGULATIONS 2004 AND EUROPEAN DIRECTIVE 2001/42/EC

DRAFT LOGGERHEADS NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN V2.9

Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council was requested to undertake a screening assessment to determine whether the Draft Loggerheads Neighbourhood Plan should be subject to a SEA.

The determination takes account of the criteria at Schedule 1 of the above Regulations and the responses from the consultation bodies which are attached.

The council's view is that the Draft Neighbourhood Plan does not demonstrate to the council's satisfaction, that the policies and proposals it contains will not have significant environmental effects and therefore we have taken the view that a Strategic Environmental Assessment is required. The reasons for this determination are set out within the attached document.

The Parish Council have asked for the council's informal comments on the Draft Neighbourhood Plan. In the event that you are minded to undertake any modifications to the Draft Plan, in the light of the council's comments, it is suggested that it would make sense to postpone SEA of the current Draft and to re-screen the modified Plan.

Please note that it will also be necessary to undertake a Habitats Regulations Screening Assessment of the Plan in relation to the requirements of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 (as amended) and the European Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC. Again, it makes sense to undertake this following any modifications that you may make to your Draft Plan.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "H. Beech".

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