Pamela Starling: Chair

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**Date:** 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017

Dear Mrs Starling,

## Egloshayle, St Breock and Wadebridge NDP Neighbourhood Plan – SEA and HRA Screening

As requested I have screened the Egloshayle, St Breock and Wadebridge Neighbourhood Development Plan to see whether the plan requires Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) or Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA.)

As required by the SEA regulations I produced a screening opinion for the neighbourhood plan and consulted the statutory bodies, Natural England, Historic England and the Environment Agency. I also asked Natural England to confirm whether or not HRA was required under the HRA directive.

Based on the scale and location of development proposed, and the sensitive nature of the landscape in the neighbourhood plan area, Cornwall Council is of the opinion that the Egloshayle, St Breock and Wadebridge neighbourhood plan could have a significant impact on the environment and Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) is required.

However, with regard to European Sites, no pathways of impact have been identified and Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA) is therefore not required; this view has been confirmed by Natural England and Historic England. I attach the screening report and their comments.

Since SEA is required, this is the link to the guidance on our website: <u>Toolkit SEA</u>
<u>Guidance</u> which explains a little about the process and has a link to possible funding.

If significant changes or additions are made to your plan I would advise you to have it rescreened.

Yours sincerely,

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