

Mr Ronan Leydon Planning Policy Vale Of White Horse Council 135 Eastern Avenue Milton Park, Milton Abingdon OX14 4SB Our ref: WA/2006/000281/SD-05/IS1-L01 Your ref: -Date: 20 July 2015

Dear Mr Leydon

Botley Centre SPD

Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report

Thank you for consulting the Environment Agency on the Sustainability Appraisal (SA) Scoping Report produced to support the development of the Botley Centre Supplementary Planning Document (SPD).

We have reviewed the report and have the following comments.

Environmental Constraints

We have identified no significant environmental constraints at the site, within our remit.

Scoping

We are pleased to see that the Scoping Report includes protecting and enhancing the natural environment (No. 7), and climate change mitigation and adaption (Nos. 10 & 11), as Sustainability Objectives.

However, as the SPD is not likely to give rise to significant environmental impacts *within our remit*, we are not providing recommendations on the level of detail or assessment tools used in the SA.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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