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Dear Mr. Ratcliffe,

**Park Ward Neighbourhood Development Plan  
Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening Opinion Consultation**

We write in response to your e-mail of Wednesday 23 January 2019, seeking a Screening Opinion for the Park Ward Pre-submission consultation draft Neighbourhood Development Plan Proposed Policies.

For the purposes of this consultation, Historic England will confine its advice to the question, "Is it likely to have a significant effect on the environment?" in respect to our area of concern, cultural heritage. Our comments are based on the information supplied with the consultation.

The Draft Neighbourhood Plan Policies indicates that within the plan area there is a small range and number of designated cultural heritage assets. There are also likely to be other features of local historic, architectural or archaeological value, and consideration should also be given to the wider historic landscape.

On the basis of the information supplied, and in the context of the criteria set out in Schedule 1 of the Environmental Assessment Regulations [Annex II of 'SEA' Directive], Historic England concurs with your conclusion, set out in para. 3.4 of the Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening Report, that the preparation of a Strategic Environmental Assessment is not required for the Park Ward Neighbourhood Development Plan Policies.

The views of the other two statutory consultation bodies should be taken into account before the overall decision on the need for an SEA is made. We should like to stress that this opinion is based on the information available in the Church Fenton Neighbourhood Development Plan.

To avoid any doubt, this does not reflect our obligation to provide further advice on later stages of the SEA process and, potentially, object to specific proposals which may subsequently arise (either as a result of this consultation or in later versions of the plan/guidance) where we consider that, despite the SEA, these would have an adverse effect upon the environment.

We would be pleased if you can send a copy of the determination as required by REG 11 of the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004.

Historic England strongly advises that the conservation and archaeological staff of the Calderdale Council and the West Yorkshire Archaeological Advisory Service are closely involved throughout the preparation of the plan and its assessment. They are best placed to advise on; local historic environment issues and priorities, including access to data held in the HER (formerly SMR); how the policy or proposal can be tailored to minimise potential adverse impacts on the historic environment; the nature and design of any required mitigation measures; and opportunities for securing wider benefits for the future conservation and management of historic assets.

We look forward to being consulted upon the Pre-submission draft of the Park Ward Neighbourhood Development Plan in due course.

Yours sincerely

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