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Forward Plans, Community Fulfilment  
The Gateway  
Gatehouse Road  
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**Your ref:**  
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Dear Ms Wojniak

### **SEA screening opinion for Steeple Claydon Neighbourhood Plan**

Thank you for consulting us on this document.

We have reviewed the Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening Report dated January 2016 and we acknowledge that your authority consider that a Strategic Environmental Assessment is necessary, with incorporated Sustainability Appraisal.

The Neighbourhood Plan area includes two rivers which, although not designated as 'main' by the Environment Agency, have been classified under the Water Framework Directive. Both the Padbury Brook and Claydon Brook are currently of moderate ecological status. The Thames River Basin Management Plan requires the restoration and enhancement of waterbodies to prevent their deterioration and promote recovery.

We understand that the neighbourhood plan is proposing to make allocations to accommodate potentially around 100-150 dwellings.

Both these watercourses have associated floodplains of Flood Zone 2 and 3. There are also two areas of floodplain which cross the site. We would not wish to see any built development within these zones.

Yours sincerely

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