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Dear Emily Baker ,

Thank you for inviting us to comment on the screening opinion for the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA), commissioned for the Tavistock Neighbourhood Plan (12 March 2024).

Our role as a national statutory consultee for Neighbourhood Planning focuses mainly on ensuring there is no risk of undue harm to heritage assets. The most common way that risk of harm emerges in Neighbourhood Plans is when new, site-specific allocations for development are being made. Where a neighbourhood plan recommends a site to be allocated for development, there is a risk that heritage assets may be harmed as a result of that development.

We note that the draft Neighbourhood Plan is modest and does not seek to allocate sites for development. Furthermore, there does not seem to be anything else that would give us cause for concern in the emerging suite of policies. Given this, we agree with your assessment that a full Strategic Environmental Assessment is not required.

We hope that this helps. We have no other detailed comments to make at this time; however, we would like to congratulate the authors for producing an excellent SEA screening study that is clearly written and beautifully illustrated.

We look forward to being consulted again at the Regulation 16 stage.

Kind Regards,

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