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TITLE:	Screening Statement Under Regulation 9 of the Strategic Environmental assessment Regulations 2004 (SEA) For the Newport Neighbourhood Development Plan Determination Report.
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AUTHORITY:	Town Council Meeting 12 th April minute 236/16-17
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BACKGROUND:
<p>The Government has decided that sustainability appraisals are only required for Development Pan Documents and do not apply to Neighbourhood Plans. However Neighbourhood Plans must not breach and must comply with EU and Human Rights obligations. Neighbourhood Plans therefore need to be considered against the Strategic Environmental Assessment Directives and associated Regulations.</p> <p>It was therefore necessary for the Town Council to prepare a Screening Statement to determine whether the scope and matters addressed in the Neighbourhood Development plan would be likely to have significant environmental effects that would require a Strategic Environmental Appraisal to be undertaken.</p> <p>The Screening Statement was prepared and published together with the NDP Regulation 14 Consultation document. The Screening Statement was sent to the statutory consultees; the Environment Agency, Natural England and Historic England.</p> <p>A formal determination cannot be made until the statutory consultees have been consulted. Their responses are included later in this report.</p>

REFERENCES / MEETINGS/ DISCUSSION
In accordance with Regulation 9 of the Strategic Environmental Appraisal (SEA) Regulations 2004 the Town Council as the responsible authority has determined that an Environmental Assessment of the Neighbourhood Development Plan is not required as it is unlikely to have significant environmental effects. In making this determination the Town Council has had regard to Schedule 1 of the Regulations and has carried out consultation with the statutory bodies.

An assessment against Schedule 1 of the regulations was published for consultation at Regulation 14 and the written comments received from the statutory consultees are set out below.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The NDP is amended, the documents produced with the aim of a speedily progressed to Regulation 15 the Plan Proposals.

Sheila Atkinson
1st September 2017