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Environment Consultees – example version of the form

**A toolkit for neighbourhood
planners**



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Consultation form for environment consultees with example answers

To demonstrate how the consultation template could be used, here is a copy that has been filled in with some answers as an example.

Example scenario

The Neighbourhood Plan includes a small town, with some of the area lying within flood zone 3 and a waterbody running through the area, which has been identified in the River Basin Management Plan, as confirmed by the Local Planning Authority.

The development plan includes an existing conservation area but it is not clear yet whether there will be any impact, although the Neighbourhood Planning Group wish to protect and enhance this area. The area includes one small pond Site of Special Scientific Interest but there are no other designated nature conservation sites.

There is good agricultural land within part of the area proposed for small scale development as outlined in the Local Plan. Advice on biodiversity net gain is also being sought.

Name of Neighbourhood Plan:	Name of Neighbourhood Plan would be provided here	
Local Planning Authority:	The associated Local Planning Authority in which the Neighbourhood Plan area sits would be outlined here.	
Reason for consultation with environmental consultees:		
Environment Agency	Tick	Further details including location if known (e.g. name of designated site or grid reference)
The plan includes land in flood zones 2 and/or 3	☒	Part Flood Zone 3 to the south but no development proposed
The plan includes land in flood zone 1 which has critical drainage problems	☐	

that the Environment Agency has notified the LPA about		
The plan includes proposals that will result in the handling, use or storage of hazardous substances within an area at risk if a major accident happened nearby - find out about developing near hazardous sites .	☐	
The plan includes a waterbody identified in a river basin management plan	☒	River that runs through part of the site is identified in the local river basin management plan. No negative impacts are envisaged due to the scale of development proposed in the neighbourhood plan.
Potential to affect main rivers, groundwater and water quality	☒	Main river runs through the town but don't envisage any issues due to scale of development. Would like this to be confirmed by EA.
The plan includes development within 20m of the bank of a main river	☐	
The plan includes proposals to store, transfer or treat waste product or refuse	☐	
The plan includes a cemetery or cemetery extension	☐	
The plan includes development on		

contaminated land or could result in land becoming contaminated. Potential to affect land subject to coastal change management Plan includes intensive pig, poultry or dairy units Other issue not covered above (please provide details)	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐	
Historic England	Tick	Further details including location if known (e.g. name of designated site/area/feature or grid reference)
Potential effect on a listed building or its setting Potential effect on a registered park or garden or its setting Potential effect on a scheduled monument or its setting	☐ ☐ ☐	

Potential effect on a registered battlefield or its setting Potential effect on the character and appearance of a conservation area or its setting Potential effect on the Outstanding Universal Value of a World Heritage Site or its Buffer Zone Seeking advice on the protection of local neighbourhood heritage, noting this can include not only buildings and monuments, but also sites, places, areas and landscapes Other (please provide details)	☐ ☒ ☐ ☒ ☒	Conservation area included in the plan area but the Neighbourhood Planning Group seeks to protect and enhance this area. Neighbourhood Planning Group seeking advice on how to protect the conservation area but also enhance it through the neighbourhood plan process.
Natural England	Tick	Further details including location if known (e.g. name of designated site or grid reference)

Potential effect on site of special scientific interest	☒	SSSI of importance for Great Crested Newts and other habitat is located within the area.
Potential effect on a Habitats Site (Special Areas of Conservation, Special Protection Areas, Ramsar sites)	☐	
Potential effect on a marine protected area	☐	
Potential effect on a protected landscape (national parks, areas of outstanding natural beauty, Norfolk & Suffolk Coast, Heritage Coasts)	☐	
Potential effect on significant best and most versatile agricultural land (classified as 1 – excellent, 2 – very good or 3a – good)	☒	Part of one allocation is located on class 3a agricultural land but the site is already contained in the Local Plan where the principle of development in this location was tested through the Sustainability Appraisal process.
Seeking advice on environmental opportunities (such as green infrastructure or net gain)	☒	Neighbourhood Planning Group seeking advice on how to increase biodiversity and increase green spaces.
Other (please provide details)	☐	