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**RE: Examination of the Ardleigh Neighbourhood Plan – clarifications regarding the SEA/HRA Screening Report**

The following sections of this letter seek to clarify those matters relevant to the SEA/HRA Screening Report that were identified within the 'Questions of Clarification and Note of Interim Findings from the Examiner to the Parish Council and Tendring District Council (TDC)' (August 18<sup>th</sup> 2023).

- 1.0 Question 5 a): The Screening Report indicates that a former community centre is allocated for redevelopment as a small housing scheme (page 35 of the Screening Report refers). I cannot find any reference to this in the Plan; has this allocation now been removed from the Plan?**
- 1.1 The reference to redevelopment of the former community centre and its allocation as a small housing scheme within the Neighbourhood Plan, on page 35 of the Screening Report, is erroneous and is a reference to another Neighbourhood Plan that Place Services were working on at the time. No allocations were included within the Neighbourhood Plan at the time of screening.
- 1.2 Despite this error, the remainder of the SEA/HRA Screening Report, and importantly its conclusions, remain valid.
- 2.0 Question 5 b): Was the Screening Report subject to the requisite consultation with the statutory bodies? Assuming it was, please forward a copy of their responses to me (or confirm no responses were received).**
- 2.1 Place Services can confirm that the SEA/HRA Screening Report was issued on completion to Tendring District Council as the authority that commissioned the report. Place Services did not directly consult the statutory bodies and received no responses from them.

If you have any queries regarding the above matters, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards,

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