

Natural England

Consideration needs to be given to the impact of development on the Pevensey Levels SSSI and the Herstmonceux SSSI; and to the likelihood of significant effect on the Pevensey Levels European sites. The latter may have been considered in Wealden's Habitat Regulations Assessment relating to the Local Plan.

- In all cases; landscape, habitats and wildlife associated with development sites should be protected and where possible enhanced – in response to proximity to the AONB and to help deliver the government's aim of halting the decline in biodiversity.
- Given the proximity to the designated landscape, I trust that the AONB Unit has been consulted. The design of the development should be substantially informed by its landscape setting.