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Economic Growth and Infrastructure
County Hall Colliton Park
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Our ref: WX/2023/137162/OR-21/IS1-L01

Your ref: Bradford Abbas

Date: 31 August 2026

Dear Sir/Madam,

**BRADFORD ABBAS AND CLIFTON MAYBANK NEIGHBOURHOOD
PLAN: SUBMISSION CONSULTATION (E)**

Thank you for consulting the Environment Agency on the above neighbourhood plan. We do not consider there to be potential significant environmental effects associated with the plan, based on a review of environmental constraints for which we are a statutory consultee.

We note that no new allocation has been proposed in the development area, but redevelopment of existing areas is proposed. As indicated in your plan, redevelopment in flood risk areas should undertake a proper flood risk assessment that demonstrates that the development would be safe and will not pose risk elsewhere. Also, as the proposed site is within source protection zones, development proposed must ensure that it does not pose risk to groundwater quality and controlled waters.

Please note that the Lead Local Flood Authority can advise if there are areas at risk from surface water flood risk (including groundwater and sewerage flood risk) in your neighbourhood plan area. The Surface Water Management Plan is the evidence base for this and contains recommendations and actions to reduce the risk of flooding. This may be useful when gathering baseline data and drafting key sustainability issues and objectives on which to appraise the neighbourhood plan.

We encourage you to seek ways in which your neighbourhood plan can improve the local environment at the earliest stages. Together with Natural England, English Heritage and Forestry Commission we have published joint guidance on neighbourhood planning, which sets out sources of environmental information and ideas on incorporating the environment into your plan. This is available at:

<https://neighbourhoodplanning.org/toolkits-and-guidance/consider-environment-neighbourhood-plans/>

Yours sincerely,

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