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To Maidstone Borough Council, Attn-Sue Whiteside, King St, Maidstone, Kent. ME15 6JQ

> Loose Parish Council- Neighbourhood Plan (Reg 16) Environmental Statement- Reg 15(1)(e)(ii)

Dear Sue,

As part of the above Neighbourhood Plan submitted in July 2018, the Parish Council wish to make the following Environmental Statement;

"As a result of the Screening Assessment prepared by Maidstone Borough Council (attached), the Loose Neighbourhood Plan Submission Version, June 2018, is not likely to have a significant effect on the environment. Additionally, the Loose Neighborhood Plan Submission Version is not considered likely to cause a significant effect on a European site, and will not therefore require an assessment for future development under article 6 or 7 of the Habitats Directive (Art.3.2 (b)). Historic England, the Environment Agency and Natural England are in agreement with these conclusions."

Attached is a copy of the Strategic Environmental Assessment and Habitats Regulations Assessment Screening Report (Aug 2018) qualifying the above statement.

Yours sincerely

Kim Owen,

Clerk to the Loose Parish Council