

11. Unfortunately, it transpires that the Regulation 16 consultation which was conducted by MDDC, posted the earlier SEA Scoping Report on its website. Whilst the Parish Council had properly submitted the SEA to the local planning authority, it was not one of the submission documents that was publicised by the District Council and the consultees accordingly did not have the opportunity to or were not invited to comment on the AECOM Environmental Report. **Can MDDC confirm that was the case.**

Yes, we can confirm that the Parish Council submitted AECOM Environmental Report (Sept 2022), however what was posted at the Regulation 16 consultation stage on our (MDDC) website was SEA Screening Report (Nov 2018). The consultees therefore had no opportunity to comment on the latest AECOM Environmental Report.