

Habitats Regulations (Screening) Assessment of the Single Issue Review of CS7

Public Participation Report

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24885 - Natural England
(Cheshire) (Ms Francesca
Shapland) [12637]

Comment Habitats Regulations Assessment
Natural England agrees with the approach taken and
conclusions drawn within this HRA. We consider that
the background information, approach to screening
and information within the Appropriate Assessment
have all been explained clearly. We have provided our
view on the various sections of the HRA below.

HRA - noted

no action required

Air Quality - noted

Effects in relation to the 1.5km Breckland SOA
constraints zone - noted

Disturbance from construction or operation of
roads - The Appropriate Assessment has shown that
where the potential for adverse effects on integrity of
Breckland SPA exists, technical options are
available that could
deliver the necessary highway improvements
without direct effects on the Breckland SPA. It is
therefore appropriate for the HRA of the SIR to rely
on the fact that the chosen option would be subject
to project level HRA.

Water Quality and Quantity - noted

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24937 - Elveden Farms Ltd. [13111]	Comment	RPS CgMs object to paragraphs 6.7 - 6.17, paragraph 6.21 , paragraph 6.25, paragraphs 6.30 - 6.36.	<p>Para 6.7-6.17 - The mitigation offered by Policy CS2 is considered in paragraph 6.21. Likely significant effects from the SIR's broad distribution of housing are ruled out. More detailed consideration of the potential effects of individual allocations is provided in the HRA of the SALP.</p> <p>Para 6.21 - It was judged inappropriate to rely solely on the generic protection offered by the Policy CS2 requirement to carry out project level HRA when more detailed assessment of the potential effects of the SIR broad distribution of housing was available from the parallel HRA of the SALP allocations that implement this broad distribution. Likely significant effects from the SIR's broad distribution of housing were ruled out by reference to this more detailed assessment.</p> <p>Para 6.25 - It is a matter of fact that the HRA of the Proposed Submission SALP was carried out and consulted on in parallel to that of the SIR and was available to inform it. That parallel HRA work demonstrates that it is feasible to implement the broad distribution of housing within the SIR without likely significant effects in relation to disturbance and other urban edge effects. It is therefore appropriate for the HRA of the SIR to refer to the findings of the HRA of the SALP.</p> <p>Para 6.3-6.36 - The first point is addressed in the response to the comments on paragraph 6.25 above.</p> <p>In relation to the appropriate screening distance, this is justified at paragraphs 4.54-4.55 of the HRA report and has been agreed with Natural England.</p>	no action required
24938 - RSPB - Eastern England (Mr Mike Jones) [6257]	Comment	We would not normally consider it acceptable for a plan to defer to a lower tier document's requirement for HRA in order to demonstrate that it would result in No Likely Significant Effect on European Sites. However, as the consultations for both the SIR and SALP are running in parallel, it is possible to see from the evidence provided in both that the proposed allocations are able to comply with Core Strategy policy CS2 and therefore deliverable, so we have no outstanding concerns on this point.	Noted. This approach was judged acceptable because both Local Plan documents and both HRAs are prepared, assessed and consulted upon in parallel. The HRA has therefore been informed by the best information available to it.	no action required