

Addendum to Habitats Regulations Assessment – Local Planning Document: Additional Housing Allocations

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Introduction

1. The Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA), as required under the European Directive 92/43/EEC and the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010, require that Local Plans undergo an assessment to determine whether or not the Local Plan will have a significant effect on sites of European importance for nature conservation.
2. This document follows on from the Habitats Regulation Assessment (May 2016) (**LPD/REG/21**) which assesses the Publication Draft Local Planning Document (LPD) (May 2016), and should be read in conjunction with that document.
3. This document outlines where modifications are proposed to the policies relating to additional housing allocations set out in the LPD and undertakes a HRA of the modifications made. The LPD policy extracts consultation document shows the proposed additional housing allocations. It should be noted that some of the policy numbers have changed since the Publication Draft LPD as a result of the insertion of additional policies in the LPD.
4. Background information regarding the HRA of the Aligned Core Strategy (Part 1 Local Plan) is outlined in the Habitat Regulation Assessment (May 2016) (**LPD/REG/21**) and is not repeated here to avoid duplication. The methodology used to undertake the HRA of the additional housing allocations is the same as the methodology that has been used for the assessment of the Publication Draft LPD and is not repeated here.
5. The screening exercise as it relates to the prospective Sherwood Forest Special Protection Area (pSPA) is effectively a 'shadow' HRA given that the area is not yet a designated site.

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6. This addendum undertakes a screening of the modified LPD Policies (see Appendix 1) and the additional housing allocations (see Appendix 2). The modified policies and additional housing allocations are shown in the LPD policy extracts consultation document.
7. With regards to Appendix 1, modifications made to Policy LPD64 (Housing Distribution) as a result of the additional housing sites have not affected the conclusion of the HRA for this policy. As the LPD has been prepared in order to be in general conformity with the Aligned Core Strategy (Part 1 Local Plan), no significant impact has been revealed arising from the proposed modifications, which reflects the conclusions of the HRA assessment of the ACS.

8. The screening of the additional housing allocations shown in the LPD policy extracts consultation document has been undertaken as shown in Appendix 2. This confirms that there continues to be no significant effects upon the pSPA.

How to read this assessment

9. This addendum provides an update of the Habitats Regulation Assessment (May 2016) (**LPD/REG/21**). The first column in appendices 1 and 2 set out the policy/ additional allocation, and the status of the change made. The policy/ additional allocation has then been re-assessed in terms of its scoping of relevance and the potential impact upon the pSPA has been considered where relevant.

Conclusion

10. As a result of this HRA Addendum, reference will be made in the LPD to the need for a further assessment of the potential effects of the additional allocation at Flatts Lane, Calverton (Site X4) upon the pSPA.
11. No recommended changes to the policies/allocations have arisen from this HRA addendum.

Appendix 1 – Scoping of Additional Housing Allocations to the Local Planning Document Proposed Policies

Policy and Status	What will policy do	Relevance to HRA	Further Screening of Policy
LPD 64 – Housing Distribution (Policy amended – HRA undertaken.)	Sets out the broad distribution between the different settlements in the Borough based on ACS Policy 2 (The Spatial Strategy). Modification sets out the revised housing distribution figures, and includes windfall allowance.	Potential impact if development is north of B6386 Calverton or west of A60 or north of Ricket Lane, Ravenshead.	The scoping of the individual development sites as to the impact on the pSPA is shown in Appendix 3. Continue with the Policy (Conclusion not affected by modification).

Appendix 2 – Scoping of Additional Housing Allocations to the Local Planning Document Proposed Policies

Additional Allocation and Status	Number of Units and Locality	Impact on pSPA
Additional Housing Allocations		
X1 – Daybrook Laundry (New housing allocation reflecting Inspector's Letter dated 16/06/17)	This site is allocated for 50 homes.	No impact as within urban area.
X2 – Land West of A60 A (New housing allocation reflecting Inspector's Letter dated 16/06/17)	The site is allocated for 70 homes. Locality: Arnold	No impact as on edge of urban area.
X3 – Land West of A60 B (New housing allocation reflecting Inspector's Letter dated 16/06/17)	The site is allocated for 150 homes. Locality: Arnold	No impact as on edge of urban area.
X4 – Flatts Lane (New housing allocation reflecting Inspector's Letter dated 16/06/17)	The site is allocated for 60 homes. Locality: Calverton	<p>Would not be likely to have a significant effect, either alone or in-combination, on any European site as a result of the scale which has significantly reduced from the numbers identified in the emerging sites in the Aligned Core Strategy and location of proposed development.</p> <p>Mitigation measures including green infrastructure and visitor management will be required and should help avoid the likelihood of a significant effect on the pSPA. The need for a further assessment of potential effects will be included within policy.</p>
X5 – Kighill Lane A (New housing allocation reflecting Inspector's Letter dated 16/06/17)	The site is allocated for 20 homes. Locality: Ravenshead	Would not be likely to have a significant effect, either alone or in-combination, on any European site as a result of the scale and location of proposed development.
X6 – Kighill Lane B (New housing allocation reflecting Inspector's Letter dated 16/06/17)	The site is allocated for 30 homes. Locality: Ravenshead	Would not be likely to have a significant effect, either alone or in-combination, on any European site as a result of the scale and location of proposed development.