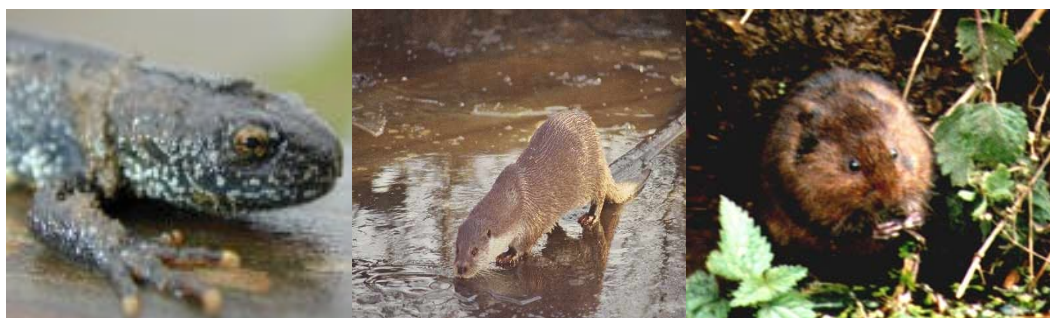


**ADDENDUM TO THE HABITATS REGULATIONS ASSESSMENT
(STAGE ONE SCREENING) OF THE CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND
PETERBOROUGH MINERALS AND WASTE:**

RECAP PARTNERSHIP WASTE MANAGEMENT DESIGN GUIDE (SPD)

**CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL AND
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SECTION 1: INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

1.0 Introduction

This addendum has been written to update the Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) report written by Consultants WYG Environment, November 2009. It takes into account the amendments being made to the RECAP Partnership Waste Management Design Guide (PWMDG) Supplementary Planning Document (SPD), which forms part of the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Minerals and Waste Local Development Framework (LDF). As such, this addendum should be read alongside the original HRA report to gain an accurate reflection of the full screening undertaken for the PWMDG SPD.

The PWMDG SPD has been subject to extensive consultation and the changes being considered as part of this addendum, for a further round of consultation, are as a result of the consultation comments submitted in March 2010. These amendments are set out later within this addendum report and are considered fully as part of this screening exercise.

1.1 Project Aims and Outputs

The main aim of this addendum report is to update the original screening assessment of the SPD to identify whether the amendments proposed to the document are likely to have a significant effect on Natura 2000 sites (including Ramsar sites). This will determine whether a full Appropriate Assessment is required for this non site-specific document.

It is also necessary to consider the 'in-combination' effects of the SPD and other relevant plans contained within Local Development Frameworks (LDFs) and associated documents, Community Strategies, Biodiversity Action Plans etc. This must take account of both positive and negative interactions between the related plans. The list of relevant plans being considered as part of this screening exercise has been updated to reflect the current situation. Appendix A contains an updated list of all relevant documents, which includes any new adopted Development Plan Documents / Policy Guidance that has emerged since the original HRA assessment was undertaken.

The main output required from this addendum report is to provide an overall conclusion as to whether the amended PWMDG SPD passes the HRA, taking into account any 'in-combination' effects. This assessment should be read alongside the original HRA report.

1.2 Project Background

Directive 92/43/EEC (The Habitats Directive) on the Conservation of Natural Habitats and of Wild Fauna and Flora requires that any plan or project likely to have a significant effect on a protected site either individually or in combination with other plans or projects, is to be subject to an Appropriate Assessment (AA) of its implications for the site with reference to the site's conservation objectives.

In October 2005 the European Court of Justice ruled that this requirement extended to land use plans. This has now been set out in the *Conservation (Natural Habitats, &c) (Amendment) (England and Wales) Regulations 2007* which inserts a new Part IVA into the 1994 Regulations and came into force on 21 August 2007. Land use plans to which AA is applicable include Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs).

If the content of the PWMDG SPD is not assessed, either alone or in combination with other plans or projects, it cannot then be adopted as it does not satisfy the requirements of the Habitats Regulations. As such this addendum report looks to update the original HRA assessment and ensure the amendments proposed to the SPD for further consultation do not have an impact on the integrity of a site of European importance.

SECTION 2: METHODOLOGY

2.0 Overview of Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA)

Guidance on the HRA process was provided by DCLG back in 2006. Both the original HRA assessment and this updated assessment of the PWMDG SPD follow their 3-stage approach collectively known as the Appropriate Assessment process where the requirements prescribed in Article 6(3) and (4) of the Habitats Directive are set out in the following three main tasks:

Stage 1. Screening: Determining whether the plan – ‘in combination’ with other plans and projects – is likely to have an adverse effect on a European site(s);

Stage 2. Appropriate Assessment: Determining whether, in view of the European site’s conservation objectives, the plan – ‘in combination’ with other plans and projects – would have an adverse effect (or risk of this) on the integrity of a site(s);

Stage 3. Assessment of alternative solutions: Where the plan is assessed as having an adverse effect (or risk of this) there should be an examination of alternatives.

In accordance with the DCLG guidance (2006) and to match the earlier HRA assessment of the PWMDG SPD, the precautionary principle will be applied where appropriate.

As with the original HRA assessment, this addendum report focuses on updating the Stage 1 Screening process and determining whether the SPD is likely to have an adverse effect on the European sites in both Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. Following advice from Natural England on the original HRA assessment this addendum report will also consider all Natura 2000 sites (including Ramsar sites) within a 15km radius of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough borders.

2.1 Project Guidance and updating the assessment

This addendum report will follow the same guidance and methodology set out in the original HRA assessment and as such will not be repeated here.

2.2 Consultation with Natural England

As with the original HRA assessment, this addendum report has been produced as part of an open and constructive dialogue with Natural England and their advice has been taken on board. Natural England has endorsed the conclusions of the HRA work within this addendum report for the PWMDG SPD, which takes account of the amendments being made to the document for a further round of public consultation.

SECTION 3: STAGE 1 SCREENING

3.0 Screening

This addendum report seeks to update the screening undertaken as part of the original HRA assessment.

3.1 Scope of the SPD and amendments made since the last consultation

The scope of the PWMDG SPD is set out in the original HRA assessment and has not changed significantly. However, the main changes being made to the document which have triggered the need for this addendum report are:

- (a) To include more information on how developer contributions for additional and/or expanded household recycling centres will be calculated by the County Council as Waste Collection Authority;
- (b) Changes to reflect the revised content of the Minerals and Waste Core Strategy policies CS16 and CS28;
- (c) To restructure the document to make a number of changes to the existing text so that it is more user-friendly, including the use of the Toolkit;
- (d) To provide more information and clearer guidance in relation to Bring Sites including how developer contributions will be identified and sought by the relevant local authority; and
- (e) To clarify the requirements for waste storage capacity and how these will be identified by the relevant local authority.

In addition to the main changes listed above the document has also been updated to reflect current policy / waste statistics where available and formatting / grammatical corrections where identified.

3.2 Natura 2000 sites considered

The Natura 2000 sites that are considered within this addendum report are identical to those listed in Section 3 of the original HRA assessment and as such will not be repeated here.

3.3 Possible effects from the SPD including the amendments made

The possible effects considered within this addendum report are identical to those listed in Section 3 of the original HRA assessment. No further effects have been identified as a result of this additional screening exercise.

SECTION 4: Conclusions

4.0 Conclusions of the HRA – Screening Stage

Based on the conclusions of the screening exercise (shown in Appendix B) and the in-combination assessment (shown in Appendix C) there is no requirement to take the HRA further to stage 2 or 3. The primary recommendation from the Stage 1 Screening process therefore is that the PWMDG SPD (including the changes identified in Section 3.1 above) should proceed to the next consultation phase.

A single amendment was made to the PWMDG SPD as a result of consultation with Natural England through the original HRA assessment in 2009. This amendment remains within the updated document and as such no further changes are considered necessary as a result of this additional screening exercise.

As identified in the original HRA assessment the PWMDG SPD is a guidance document that aims to improve the quality and sustainability of new development within the County of Cambridgeshire and in the Unitary Authority area of Peterborough. It does not present any policies or proposals, and serves only to provide greater clarity about the expectations in relation to existing policies within the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Minerals and Waste Core Strategy. The Minerals and Waste Core Strategy DPD has been subject to both Sustainability Appraisal and Habitats Regulations Assessment.

On this basis, taking into account the additional screening assessments shown within this addendum report, it is considered that there will be no likely significant adverse effect on the integrity of the Natura 2000 sites as a result of the PWMDG SPD. It can be objectively concluded that even with the additional amendments incorporated within the SPD there is no requirement to proceed to the next stage of an Appropriate Assessment.

APPENDIX A:

Updated list of Adopted Plans, Development Plan Documents (DPDs) and other policy documents considered to be relevant to this screening exercise

List of Adopted Plans, emerging Development Plan Documents (DPDs) and other policy documents, including saved plans considered to be relevant to this scoping exercise

Adopted Statutory Plans and emerging LDF documents

Regional Spatial Strategy

The East of England Plan: the revision of the Regional Spatial Strategy for the East of England. May 2008.

The East of England Plan: the revision of the Regional Spatial Strategy for the East of England. July 2009.

Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council Joint Documents

The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Structure Plan (2003-2016) as amended by the East of England Plan.

The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Waste Local Plan 1998 – 2011 (some policies will be replaced by the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Minerals and Waste Core Strategy when adopted later this month (July 2011) and policies still saved as set out in Secretary of State's Direction September 2007).

The Location and Design of Major Waste Management Facilities, SPD. Adopted April 2006 (Note this is being superseded by the Location and Design of Waste Management Facilities SPD later this month (July 2011) when adopted alongside the Core Strategy).

The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Minerals and Waste Plan, incorporating the Core Strategy to be adopted in July 2011 and Site Specific Proposals Submission Plan February/March 2010.

Block Fen / Langwood Fen Masterplan SPD, to be adopted alongside the Core Strategy in July 2011.

The Location and Design of Waste Management Facilities SPD, to be adopted alongside the Core Strategy in July 2011.

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Joint Waste Management Strategy (2008-2022).

Cambridgeshire County Council Documents

The Cambridgeshire Local Transport Plan 2011 – 2026. Adopted March 2011.

Peterborough City Council Documents

Peterborough Local Plan (First Replacement) Adopted July 2005 (some policies replaced by Core Strategy and some still saved under the Secretary of State's

Direction issued 25th June 2008 until the Peterborough Planning Policies DPD is adopted)

Peterborough Core Strategy DPD. Adopted February 2011.

Peterborough Site Allocations DPD, submitted to the Secretary of State May 2011.

Peterborough City Centre Area Action Plan (AAP), Consultation on Consultants Recommended Options January / February 2009.

Peterborough Planning Policies DPD, Consultation on Draft Version, February / March 2011.

Peterborough Local Transport Plan (Third) 2011-2016. Adopted April 2011.

Cambridge City Council Documents

Cambridge City Local Plan. Adopted July 2006 (policies as set out in Secretary of State's direction issued 2nd July 2009).

Cambridge City Development Strategy (Core Strategy) Issues and Options June 2007.

Cambridge East Area Action Plan (AAP). Adopted February 2008 (joint Area Action Plan with South Cambridgeshire District Council).

Cambridge North West AAP. Adopted October 2009 (joint Area Action Plan with South Cambridgeshire District Council).

East Cambridgeshire District Council Documents

East Cambridgeshire Local Plan. Adopted June 2000 (some policies replaced by Core Strategy and some still saved under the Secretary of State's Direction 2007)

East Cambridgeshire Core Strategy. Adopted October 2009.

Fenland District Council Documents

Fenland Local Plan. Adopted 1993 (as set out in Secretary of State's Direction September 2007).

Fenland Core Strategy and Development Policies – Preferred Option 2, September 2007.

Huntingdonshire District Council Documents

Huntingdonshire District Local Plan. Adopted December 1995, Alteration adopted 2000 (some policies replaced by Core Strategy and some still saved as set out in Secretary of State's Direction September 2007).

Huntingdonshire District Council Local Development Framework Core Strategy. Adopted September 2009.

Huntingdonshire District Council Development Management Policies DPD, proposed submission consultation March – May 2010.

Huntingdonshire West Area Action Plan. Adopted February 2011.

South Cambridgeshire District Council Documents

South Cambridgeshire Local Plan. Adopted February 2004 (policy CNF6: Expansion of Existing Sites as set out in Secretary of State's Direction September 2007).

South Cambridgeshire Core Strategy. Adopted January 2007.

South Cambridgeshire Development Control Policies. Adopted July 2007.

Site Specific Policies. Adopted January 2010.

Gypsy and Traveller Sites Options and Policies July 2009.

Cambridge East Area Action Plan (AAP). Adopted February 2008 (joint Area Action Plan with Cambridge City Council).

Cambridge North West AAP. Adopted October 2009 (joint Area Action Plan with Cambridge City Council).

Cambridge Southern Fringe AAP. Adopted February 2008.

Northstowe AAP. Adopted July 2007.

South Cambridgeshire District Council Biodiversity SPD. Adopted July 2009.

Other documents

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Local Biodiversity Action Plans.

Cambridgeshire Green Infrastructure Strategy, Cambridgeshire Horizons 2011.

Peterborough Green Grid Strategy, PECT / PCC, December 2007.

APPENDIX B:

**Updated screening of the SPD
taking amendments into account**

Waste Design Guide Chapter and Section	Potential effect on Natura 2000 site(s)		Outcome of screening
Part 4: Waste Storage Capacity			
4.3 Residential Developments	√	The internal and external segregation of waste enables more recycling and less landfill. A positive effect in the long term on Natura 2000 sites.	Screened out
4.15 Commercial Developments	√	The segregation of commercial waste enables more recycling and less landfill. A positive effect in the long term on Natura 2000 sites.	Screened out
4.18 Skip Containers and Waste Compaction Systems	~	Negligible effect on Natura 2000 sites. Development control process will manage the application of waste compaction systems.	Screened out
Part 5: Waste Storage Points			
5.3 Underground Storage of Waste	~	Negligible effect on Natura 2000 sites. Specification for construction of underground storage units provided in PWMDG Appendix G, ensuring no credible impact pathways. Possible pollution risks to nearby sensitive nature conservation sites will be dealt with in the Development Control process.	Screened out
5.5 Residential Storage Points	~	The choice of waste management transfer options will take into account 'Risk of environmental harm'. Negligible effect on Natura 2000 sites.	Screened out
5.12 Commercial Storage Points	~	The choice of waste management transfer options will take into account 'Risk of environmental harm'. Negligible effect on Natura 2000 sites.	Screened out
Part 6: Waste Storage Infrastructure			
6.4 Minimum Specifications for Waste Storage Systems	√	The containment of waste from residential complexes and single units is a positive benefit. General principles for the creation of areas in PWMDG include 'Environmental protection'. Specifications for compounds based on good environmental practice are given in PWMDG.	Screened out

<i>6.8 Underground Storage Systems</i>	~	Negligible effect on Natura 2000 sites. Specification for construction of underground storage units provided in PWMDG Appendix G, ensuring no credible impact pathways. Possible pollution risks to nearby sensitive nature conservation sites will be dealt with in the Development Control process.	Screened out
<i>6.10 Assessment of Storage System Type and Location</i>	√	Based on Assessment Criteria in PWMDG and location managed through Development Control process.	Screened out
<i>6.11 Underground Storage Areas</i>	~	Negligible effect on Natura 2000 sites. Specification for construction of underground storage units provided in PWMDG Appendix G, ensuring no credible impact pathways. Possible pollution risks to nearby sensitive nature conservation sites will be dealt with in the Development Control process.	Screened out
<i>6.12 Additional Storage Areas</i>	~	Negligible effect on Natura 2000 sites. Managed through the Development Control process.	Screened out
Part 7: Waste Collection			
<i>7.3 Key Aspects of Highway Design</i>	~	The routes of highways servicing waste collection points and the protection of Natura 2000 sites will be subject to the Development Control process.	Screened out
<i>7.5 Waste Collection Vehicle Specifications</i>	~	Negligible effect on Natura 2000 sites.	Screened out
<i>7.7 Highway Design (Construction, Tracking and Routing)</i>	~	PWMDG refers to the use of 'Manual for Streets, and Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (Highways Agency) which have strong environmental protection principles.	Screened out
<i>7.14 Commencement of Collection Service</i>	~	Negligible effect on Natura 2000 sites.	Screened out
<i>7.15 Alternative Methods of Collection</i>	~	Negligible effect on Natura 2000 sites.	Screened out

Part 8: Household Recycling Centres			
<i>8.3 Current Infrastructure</i>	~	PWMDG refers to the requirement for the 'expansion of the network (of recycling centres) through the provision of further or expanded infrastructure'. Increasing provision will be the subject of Development Control and Natura 2000 will be considered in the process.	Screened out
<i>8.5 Contribution to Waste Management</i>	√√	The development of recycling centres in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough 'has contributed to the Authorities being ranked the highest in the UK..' A positive effect on Natura 2000 sites will be achieved in the medium to long term.	Screened out
<i>8.7 Future Provision of Household Recycling Centres (Cambridgeshire and Peterborough - including planning conditions, legal agreements and contribution methodology / catchment areas for Cambridgeshire)</i>	√	The future location of these sites will be considered through the Development Control process. Assessment Criteria will take into account 'Environmental Protection', including the possible change in disturbance levels at location in relation to Natura 2000 sites. A beneficial effect on Natura 2000 sites as more waste is recycled with less sent to landfill.	Screened out
Part 9: Bring Sites			
<i>9.3 Current Infrastructure</i>	√√	Bring sites have 'contributed to the RECAP area being one of the highest recycling areas in the country'. The guidance is considered likely to have a major beneficial effect on Natura 2000 sites in the medium to long term.	Screened out
<i>9.5 Provision of Bring Sites in Future Developments</i>	√	The waste audit process is recommended in the PWMDG and maximum recommended densities of Bring Sites are given. The provision and location of these facilities will be subject to the Development Control process.	Screened out
<i>9.9 Location of Bring Sites</i>	~	Location identified to the Local Authority. Protection of Natura 2000 sites managed through the Development Control and policy and spatial planning processes.	Screened out

9.10 Management and Maintenance	√	Adequate maintenance and management of both temporary and permanent Bring sites will minimise environmental issues. Positive effect on Natura 2000 sites.	Screened out
9.11 Underground Bring Sites	~	Negligible effect on Natura 2000 sites. Specification for construction of underground storage units provided in PWMDG Appendix G, ensuring no credible impact pathways. Possible pollution risks to nearby sensitive nature conservation sites will be dealt with in the Development Control process.	Screened out
Part 10: RECAP Waste Management Toolkit			
10.1 How to use the toolkit (including the components of the toolkit, the process and instructions for usage)	√√	The guidance is considered likely to have a major beneficial effect. The three toolkit components will assess any implications of the waste management requirements on the surrounding environment and therefore any Natura 2000 sites within the vicinity of the proposed waste management site.	Screened out
10.6 Design Standards Checklist	√√	Developers will be expected to demonstrate that proposals satisfy the requirements of the PWMDG by assessing their proposals against the expected standards. The standards are based on best environmental practice.	Screened out
10.11 Assessment Criteria	√√	A positive benefit of applying the Assessment Criteria to proposals. This assessment includes a factor called the 'Protection of the Environment' which ensures 'damage and disturbance to nationally and internally protected sites and wider biodiversity' is considered as part of any proposal.	Screened out
10.17 Basis for Conditions and/or Agreements	√	The application of conditions or obligations will also secure the protection of Natura 2000 sites where necessary and can lead to enhancement of the environment.	Screened out
Part 11: Waste management provision for flats and apartments			
11.6 Example Scenario (including the development, planning	√	This example is intended to identify a range of waste management solutions which could be considered by developers.	Screened out

<i>process, established waste services, internal / external waste storage, supporting infrastructure & facilities management/collection)</i>		It provides an emphasis on the need to provide an integrated waste management solution as part of any development, particularly high density developments such as flats&apartments. Such guidance should minimise environmental issues.	
Part 12: Case Studies			
<i>12.2 Access Planning, Huntingdon</i>	~	This is an example of a scheme already in existence, which has been through the Development Control process and environmental issues considered / addressed.	Screened out
<i>12.5 Underground Storage of Waste, Peterborough</i>	~	This is an example of a scheme already in existence, which has been through the Development Control process and environmental issues considered / addressed.	Screened out
<i>12.9 Recycling in Flats Everyday (RIFE), Bristol</i>	~	This is an example of a scheme already in existence, which has been through the Development Control process and environmental issues considered / addressed.	Screened out
<i>12.14 Offshoots Community Composting Scheme</i>	~	This is an example of a scheme already in existence, which has been through the Development Control process and environmental issues considered / addressed.	Screened out
<i>12.18 Tower Hamlets Community Recycling Consortium</i>	~	This is an example of a scheme already in existence, which has been through the Development Control process and environmental issues considered / addressed.	Screened out
<i>12.20 Waste Recycling Chutes in Paddington</i>	~	This is an example of a scheme already in existence, which has been through the Development Control process and environmental issues considered / addressed.	Screened out

KEY

- XXX Guidance is considered to have a likely significant adverse effect (no mitigation possible)
- XX Guidance is considered to have a likely significant adverse effect (mitigation possible)
- X Guidance is considered to have a minor adverse effect (mitigation possible)
- ~ Neutral: Option is considered to have no effect
- √ Guidance is considered likely to have a minor beneficial effect
- √√ Guidance is considered likely to have a major beneficial effect

APPENDIX C:

**Updated screening of the plans for potential
in-combination effects with the SPD
taking amendments into account**

SCREENING OF PLANS FOR POTENTIAL IN-COMBINATION EFFECTS WITH THE PWMDG SPD¹

<u>Plan Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Sustainability Appraisal or HRA completed</u>	<u>Likely 'in combination' effects on Natura 2000 sites?</u>	<u>Comments, including policies relevant to the 'in combination' assessment</u>	<u>Outcome of screening</u>
Regional Spatial Strategy						
East of England Plan	Regional	Approved May 2008	Further assessment published May 2008	Nil	<p>The RSS has a key role in contributing to the sustainable development of the East of England Region. It aims to improve the quality of life for all who live in, work in or visit the region and it sets out proposals for where people will work and live, how they will move about the region, and much more. In particular, a key aim of the RSS is to plan for the future economic growth of the region and for the regeneration needs of less prosperous areas.</p> <p>The economic aspirations for the East of England underpin much of the new housing provision identified in the Plan.</p> <p>Preparation was informed by Sustainability Appraisal at both the draft submission and Proposed Changes stages incorporating Strategic Environmental Appraisal. The Secretary of State's Proposed Changes were</p>	Screened out

¹ At the time of finalising this assessment July 2011, the following plans and projects were identified as having the potential to act in combination with the PWMDG SPD.

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					<p>assessed against the requirements of the European Habitats Directive (East of England Regional Spatial Strategy Habitats Directive Assessment, ERM, December 2006). In response to representations on that assessment by the Regional Assembly, Natural England and others, the assessment was revisited (Draft Regional Spatial Strategy for the East of England: Appropriate Assessment under the Habitats Regulations, RPS, September 2007) and a number of additional changes made to ensure the Regional Spatial Strategy is fully compliant with the Directive (Secretary of State's Further Proposed Changes, October 2007). Taking account of the Assessment and the Further Proposed Changes the RSS concludes that the policies of this Plan will not give rise to any adverse effects on the integrity of sites of European or international importance for nature conservation.</p> <p>The PWMDG SPD contributes positively to the relevant policies in the East of England Plan. Relevant policies including ENV. 1, 2 and 3 and WM1, 3, 5, 6 and 8.</p>	

<u>Plan Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Sustainability Appraisal or HRA completed</u>	<u>Likely 'in combination' effects on Natura 2000 sites?</u>	<u>Comments, including policies relevant to the 'in combination' assessment</u>	<u>Outcome of screening</u>
					Whilst the Government has made a commitment to revoke this document once the Localism Bill is passed through Parliament and becomes law, for the purposes of this assessment it is still part of the wider Development Plan that needs to be taken into account.	
East of England Plan	Regional	Approved July 2009	Habitats Regulations Assessment of Proposed Changes March 2009	Nil	<p>The supporting text of policies H3 and H4 protect against adverse effects on wildlife importance. This document forms part of the East of England Plan which includes a number of policies relating to the natural environment and waste management which are set out above.</p> <p>Preparation was informed by Sustainability Appraisal at both the submission and Proposed Changes stages incorporating Strategic Environmental Appraisal. The Secretary of State's Proposed Changes were assessed against the requirements of the European Habitats Directive (Habitats Directive Assessment of the Secretary of State's Proposed Changes to the revision of the Regional Spatial Strategy for the East of England on Planning for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople, ERM, March</p>	

<u>Plan Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Sustainability Appraisal or HRA completed</u>	<u>Likely 'in combination' effects on Natura 2000 sites?</u>	<u>Comments, including policies relevant to the 'in combination' assessment</u>	<u>Outcome of screening</u>
					<p>2009). This report concluded that at the regional level there are no significant adverse effects resulting from the proposed changes on any European sites.</p> <p>Whilst the Government has made a commitment to revoke this document once the Localism Bill is passed through Parliament and becomes law, for the purposes of this assessment it is still part of the wider Development Plan that needs to be taken into account.</p>	
Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council Joint Documents						
Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Structure Plan (2003 – 16) and as amended by the East of England Plan	The Partnership area	Adopted 2003	SA March 2002	Nil	<p>The Structure Plan aims to secure greater sustainability through integrating environmental, social and economic objectives whilst providing for new jobs and other significant development requirements.</p> <p>RECAP partners have a duty to ensure that their waste management activities comply with the relevant environmental protection legislation.</p> <p>Generally the Structure Plan should have a positive effect. It gives strong protection for identified sites of high wildlife value.</p>	Screened out

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					Whilst the Government has made a commitment to revoke this document once the Localism Bill is passed through Parliament and becomes law, for the purposes of this assessment it is still part of the wider Development Plan that needs to be taken into account.	
The Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Waste Local Plan (1998 – 2011) which will be amended once the Core Strategy is adopted later this month (July 2011)	The Partnership area	Adopted 2003	Completed May 2003	Nil	<p>This Waste Local Plan addresses the land-use planning aspects of waste management in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. It sets out the policies and proposals of the Waste Planning Authorities (WPAs) and provides the first comprehensive framework for determining planning applications for waste development within the 'Plan area'.</p> <p>This Plan aims to provide a sustainable strategy and policy framework for waste management by seeking to reduce landfill, and place greater emphasis on recycling and recovery from waste. It includes site specific proposals for waste management facilities.</p> <p>Relevant saved policies include WLP8 Greenbelts and WLP11 Protected Species.</p>	Screened out

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The Location and Design of Major Waste Management Facilities SPD	The Partnership area	Adopted 2006	An SA is not required for this SPD, but an HRA is required for the updated version of the SPD	Nil	<p>This SPD was prepared to assist in the delivery of high quality sustainable waste management facilities. The document sets out a series of key development principles based on recognised good planning and design practice.</p> <p>This SPD has been updated in line with the Minerals and Waste Plan and an HRA screening exercise was completed. The updated SPD will be adopted later this month alongside the Core Strategy DPD which will supersede this document.</p>	Screened out
The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Minerals and Waste Plan incorporating the Core Strategy and the Site Specific Proposals Plan	The Partnership area	The Core Strategy will be adopted later this month (July 2011). The Site Specific Proposals document is currently	HRA screening and scoping report September 2008. Full Appropriate Assessment then carried out in 2009. The documents have been subject to a HRA which	Nil	<p>The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Minerals and Waste Core Strategy DPD sets out the strategic vision and objectives, including a suite of development control policies to guide minerals and waste development whilst the Site Specific Proposals DPD sets out site specific allocations for minerals and waste development and supporting site specific policies to support the strategic vision.</p> <p>Specific policies relate to the protection and restoration of local biodiversity, e.g. CS35 Biodiversity and Geodiversity and CS25</p>	

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		being examined by a planning Inspector, which is likely to include a further public consultation in August 2011 following the close of the hearing sessions.	included a full Appropriate Assessment (AA). The AA concluded that these documents have no adverse impact on Natura 2000 sites.		Restoration and aftercare of mineral and waste management sites. However, sites and species of international and national importance are not included in the policies, since they are protected by other European and national legislation which should not be repeated in these documents as set out in Planning Policy Statement 12 (PPS12).	
The Location and Design of Waste Management Facilities SPD	The Partnership area	This SPD will be adopted alongside the Core Strategy DPD later this month	The SPD has been subject to a SA, and the guidance has been appraised against social, environmental,	Nil	This SPD has been prepared to assist in the delivery of high quality sustainable waste management facilities. It is also intended to be a practical tool to support planners in negotiations and at the master planning stages, as well as a tool for development control officers and a source of guidance for developers. When adopted alongside the	Screened out

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		(July 2011)	and economic objectives. The SA recommendations have been incorporated into the final SPD. A screening HRA document has also been produced for this SPD.		Core Strategy later this month, this document will supersede the earlier 2006 document which was linked to the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Waste Local Plan (2003).	
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Joint Waste Management Strategy (2008 – 2022)	The Partnership area	Adopted 2002	N/a	Nil	This strategy describes a way forward for waste management, a way forward that can reconcile the twin aspirations of customer satisfaction within achieving the National and European waste diversion targets. Covers all areas including areas with national and international designated sites as detailed above.	Screened out

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Cambridgeshire County Council Documents						
Block Fen / Langwood Fen Masterplan SPD	Block Fen / Langwood Fen in the County	This SPD will be adopted alongside the Core Strategy DPD later this month (July 2011)	The SPD has been subject to a SA, and the guidance has been appraised against social, environmental, and economic objectives. The SA recommendations have been incorporated into the final SPD. A screening HRA document has also been produced for this SPD.	Nil	This SPD focuses on the delivery of the strategic allocation within the Core Strategy at Block Fen / Langwood Fen. It has been designed to guide development in this area with close attention to the adjacent Ouse Washes. The complementary habitat being brought forward as part of this SPD and the flood storage benefits being delivered should have a positive impact on the Natura 2000 sites.	Screened out
Cambridgeshire Local Transport	The County	Adopted March	HRA Screening	Nil	The Local Transport Plan 2011 – 26 for Cambridgeshire sets out existing and future	Screened out

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Plan 3 2011-2026		2011	Report March 2011. The AA concluded that none of the schemes or strategies contained within LTP 3 is likely to have a significant effect on any Natura 2000 sites. Strategic Environmental Assessment Report November 2010		transport issues within the County and sets out how the County Council will seek to address these issues. The Plan is split in to two main parts; the first part is the Policies and Strategy, which sets out the Plan's objectives, problems and challenges and the strategy to meet the challenges. Biodiversity, landscape and green infrastructure are identified as some of the challenges which will need to be addressed at the design stage of the transport project.	
Peterborough City Council Documents						
Peterborough Local Plan (First Replacement)	P'borough City	Adopted July 2005 and some policies saved	N/a	Nil	Some policies have been replaced by the adopted Core Strategy. However, until the Planning Policies DPD has been adopted policies still remain that need to be considered as part of this cumulative	Screened out

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		until the Planning Policies DPD has been adopted			assessment.	
Peterborough Core Strategy, Site Allocations DPD, Peterborough City Centre AAP, Peterborough Planning Policies DPD	P'borough City	Core Strategy adopted February 2011. Site Allocation Submitted to Secretary of State May 2011 (public exam scheduled for October 2011).	SA report December 2009. HRA Appropriate Assessment undertaken January 2009. Concluded that when specific policy changes are adopted, the Core Strategy will not adversely affect the integrity of any Natura 2000 or Ramsar site. The final	Nil	Relevant Biodiversity policies exist, which replace similar policies in the superseded Local Plan.	Screened out

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		<p>City Centre AAP Preferred Options Consultation Feb / March 2009. Anticipate Preferred Options Jan/Feb 2012.</p> <p>Planning Policies DPD Consultation Draft 11th Feb to 24th Mar 2011. Anticipate proposed submission stage</p>	<p>revised report is in progress.</p> <p>HRA Screening Report January 2011. It was concluded that the site allocations document is not likely to significantly affect the integrity of any European site, either alone or in combination with other plans or projects.</p>			

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		Jan / Feb 2012				
Peterborough Local Transport Plan 3 2011 - 2016	P'borough City	The third Local Transport Plan (LTP3) came into effect in April 2011.	SEA Report March 2011. HRA Screening Report March 2011. This report concluded that the Nene Washes and Orton Pit sites could be adversely affected by project elements in the LTP.	Nil	The LTP3 covers the period 2011 to 2016 and sets out the Authority's short term transport policy and strategy for Peterborough. The HRA screening report for this document takes a precautionary approach to its assessment. However, the RECAP document does not impact on either of the sites mentioned and cumulatively does not pose a concern to these areas.	Screened out
Cambridge City Council						
Cambridge City Local Plan	Cambridge City	Adopted 2006, policies identified in Direction		Nil	This document provides policies to guide development in Cambridge to 2016, and designates sites for development, including a number of Areas of Major Change, which are mainly concentrated around the fringe of Cambridge.	Screened out

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		saved until 2012. Review of document about to start.				
Cambridge City Development Strategy (Core Strategy)	Cambridge City	Issues and Options 2007.	SA March 2007 HRA screening	Nil		Screened out
Area Action Plan DPDs: Cambridge East AAP 2008 (in partnership with South Cambridgeshire DC) North West Cambridge AAP (in partnership	Cambridge City / South Cambs DC	CEAAP adopted 2008, NW Cambridge AAP adopted October 2009	North West Area Action Plan HRA concluded no likely significant effect	Nil	These AAPs provide policy guidance for development of land around Cambridge, for considerable housing growth. All AAPs have been objectively assessed as no likely significance effect.	Screened out

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with South Cambridgeshire DC)						
East Cambridgeshire District Council						
East Cambridgeshire Local Plan	East Cambs District	Saved in 2007 and in part replaced by Core Strategy policies in 2009	N/a	Nil		Screened out
East Cambridgeshire Core Strategy	East Cambs District	Core Strategy adopted October 2009.	SA in May 2007. HRA screening assessment (Jan 2008), no requirement for full AA	Nil	The Council has objectively concluded that the Core Strategy DPD is not likely to have any significant effects on any Natura 2000 or Ramsar sites. In the Council's opinion there is therefore no requirement to proceed to the next stage of an Appropriate Assessment.	Screened out
Fenland District Council						
Fenland Local Plan	Fenland District	Adopted 1993 Some policies saved in	N/a	Nil	Concentrates growth in housing, employment and service provision within existing centres.	Screened out

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		2007				
Fenland Core Strategy Preferred Options 2 and Development Control Policies DPD	Fenland District	Preferred Options Consultation 2007	SA 2007 HRA completed	Nil	Contains biodiversity policies within the Core Strategy that will aim to protect sites and species.	Screened out
Huntingdonshire District Council						
Huntingdonshire DC Local Plan 1995 and Alternation 2002	Hunts District	Adopted 1995 and 2002. Some policies saved in 2007 and in part replaced by the Core Strategy.		Nil	Provides for development to 2006 and focuses development on larger settlements.	Screened out
Huntingdonshire District Council Core Strategy	Hunts District	Adopted Sept 2009.	SA 2008 HRA	Nil	The Core Strategy sets the strategic spatial planning framework for how Huntingdonshire will develop up to 2026. It contains strategic	Screened out

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and Development Management Policies DPDs		Proposed Submission consultation Mar – May 2010	screening 2008 and full AA completed in 2008 as a result.		policies to manage growth and guide new development in Huntingdonshire. The Development Management Policies DPD sets out the Council's policies for management development in Huntingdonshire.	
Huntingdon West AAP	Huntingdon West	Adopted February 2011	HRA October 2009. It was concluded that a number of minor adverse impacts on European sites are predicted. However, if the recommendations in the assessment are followed the AAP will not have an adverse effect	Nil	The purpose of the Huntingdon West AAP is to promote development that is sustainable and provide site specific allocations and general policies for the area in the short, medium and long term.	Screened out

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			on European sites.			
South Cambridgeshire District Council						
South Cambridgeshire Local Plan	South Cambs District	Adopted February 2004	n/a	Nil	Majority of policies set out in the Secretary of State's Direction for this document have been replaced by the adopted DPDs	Screened out
South Cambridgeshire District Council Core Strategy, Development Control Policies and Site Specific DPDs	South Cambs District	Core Strategy adopted January 2007, DC policies adopted July 2007 and Site Specific Policies adopted January 2010.	Site Specific policies 2008	Nil	The Core Strategy sets the vision for the District to 2016, advocates that most new development is to take place on the edge of Cambridge and a new town (Northstowe). The other DPDs contain allocations for housing, employment and other land uses, and policies to guide decisions on planning applications covering a wide range of topics including housing, jobs travel and the natural environment.	Screened out
Gypsy and Traveller Site DPD – issues and options 2	South Cambs District	Public consultation on this document took place between 10 th July	HRA undertaken in July 2009 and concluded that the DPD is not likely to have any significant	Nil	The targets at the time of the consultation for South Cambs were set at at least 69 new Gypsy & Traveller pitches in the district between 2006 and 2011, and at least a further 58 new Gypsy & Traveller pitches between 2011 and 2021. These figures (which appeared in the East of England Plan) are	Screened out

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		and 9 th October 2009.	effects on any Natura 2000 or Ramsar sites and therefore no full AA required.		currently being reviewed. However, the PWMDG SPD is therefore fundamental in guiding the design of waste management facilities associated with these pitches.	
Area Action Plan DPDs Cambridge East AAP North West Cambridge AAP Cambridge Southern Fringe AAP Northstowe AAP	South Cambs District / Cambridge City	Cambridge East AAP adopted Feb 2008; North West Cambridge AAP adopted October 2009; Cambridge Southern Fringe AAP adopted Feb 2008; Northstow	Cambridge East AAP SA 2008 and HRA 2007; Cambridge North West AAP HRA 2007; Cambridge Southern Fringe AAP HRA 2007; Northstowe AAP HRA 2007.	Nil	These AAPs provide detailed policy guidance for development of land around Cambridge, for considerable housing growth, around the periphery of Cambridge, including a new town, Northstowe, where up to 10,000 dwellings are proposed. All AAPs have been objectively assessed as no likely significant effect.	Screened out

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		e AAP adopted July 2007.				
South Cambridgeshire District Council Biodiversity SPD	South Cambs District	Adopted July 2009	N/a	Positive beneficial effect	The South Cambs DC Biodiversity SPD supersedes the South Cambs DC Biodiverstiy Strategy.	Screened out
Other plans and policies						
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Local Biodiversity Action Plans	The Partnership area	Some Local Authorities have adopted the LBAP and embed it in policy	N/a	Positive beneficial effect	This is made up of a number of Biodiversity Action Plans relating to Habitats and Species. They contain objectives for improving the sustainability of priority habitats and species in farmland, grassland, wetlands, woodlands, and cities, towns and villages and contain broad targets for creating or expanding new habitat.	Screened out
Cambridgeshire Green Infrastructure Strategy, Cambridgeshire Horizons	County	Approved by Cambridgeshire Horizons Board June 2011	N/a	Positive beneficial effect	The provision of Green Infrastructure is identified as a key priority for the successful implementation of sustainable growth.	Screened out

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Peterborough Green Grid Strategy, PECT / PCC	P'borough	December 2007	N/a	Positive beneficial effect	A strategy to inform and guide planners, developers and key interest groups in the planning, implementation and management of multi-functional green infrastructure projects.	Screened out