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Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough  
Council**Habitats Regulations Assessment Addendum for the Local Plan**

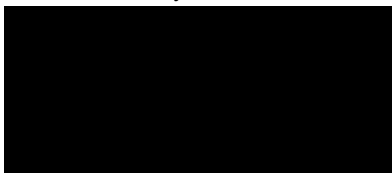
AECOM was appointed by Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council to undertake a Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) of its Borough Plan Review 2024-2039. The objective of this assessment was to identify any aspects of the Borough Plan Review that would cause an adverse effect on the integrity of European sites (Special Areas of Conservation (SACs), Special Protection Areas (SPAs), candidate Special Areas of Conservation (cSACs), potential Special Protection Areas (pSPAs) and, as a matter of Government policy, Ramsar sites), either alone or in combination with other plans and projects, and to advise on appropriate policy mechanisms for delivering mitigation where such effects were identified.

A single issue addendum to the HRA has been identified as being required, in order to specifically address the issue of hydrological linkage between allocations in the Local Plan and downstream European sites. While this matter was discussed in the submitted HRA, particularly paragraphs 5.20 to 5.27 of the appropriate assessment, a more detailed consideration of linkages between allocated sites and the River Sowe and River Anker (and thus the Severn Estuary SAC/SPA/Ramsar site and Humber Estuary SAC/SPA/Ramsar site) is deemed to be necessary following the Inspector's Matters, Issues and Questions and the Local Plan Examination hearing session on HRA. That is the purpose of the enclosed addendum. Since it is an addendum it does not replace the submission HRA and does not repeat all information in that report.

As part of the addendum exercise, every site allocation in the Local Plan has been reassessed with regards to linkage to the River Sowe and River Anker, and thus indirect connection to the downstream Humber Estuary SAC/Ramsar site and Severn Estuary SAC/Ramsar site, particularly regarding impacts on migratory fish for which the SACs are designated.

Following this assessment it can be concluded that the Local Plan will not pose adverse effects on the integrity of any sites either alone or in combination with other plans or projects. No changes to the Local Plan were identified as being necessary for Severn Estuary SAC/Ramsar or Humber Estuary SAC/Ramsar.

Yours sincerely,



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