

Selsey Neighbourhood Plan - Habitats Regulations Assessment Screening Matrix and Appropriate Assessment Statement

Representations Received:

Arun District Council

Cllr John Connor

Highways England

Natural England

Sport England

West Sussex County Council

Hi

Thank you for notifying us of the screening and assessment for the Selsey Neighbourhood Plan.

Having looked over the document we are very pleased to see that the Pagham issues of recreational disturbance, the qualifying criteria and the Joint Mitigation Strategy have all been picked up on. We are also glad to see that the pathway to water quality has been noted but recognise that as there will be no allocations and so no alteration of discharges at the Sidlesham Works, this has been screened out. It is also noted that consideration of supporting habitat to the Harbour is also identified but understandably screened out.

In conclusion, we agree with the HRA Screening and Appropriate Assessment conclusions that as there will be no housing allocated in the Selsey Neighbourhood Plan, the Joint Mitigation Scheme (Bird Aware Pagham) will deal with the expected indirect impacts from recreational disturbance to the qualifying species or the integrity of the designated site of Pagham Harbour SPA and Ramsar site, especially due to their in-perpetuity nature.

Kind Regards

The Local Plan Team

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From: Tracey Flitcroft [mailto:tflitcroft@chichester.gov.uk] **On Behalf Of** Neighbourhood Planning
Sent: 27 March 2019 08:15
Subject: Selsey NP - Habitats Regulations Assessment Screening Matrix and Appropriate Assessment Statement

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I have no comments to make about the assessment.
Regards,
John



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Subject: Selsey NP - Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) Screening Matrix and Appropriate Assessment Statement

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The next stage will be to address the issue of the SEA scoping report and I will keep you up to date with this as it moves forward.

As always if you have any queries then of course please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best wishes,
Tracey



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Date: 30 April 2019 12:07:48

Consultation: Selsey Neighbourhood Plan - Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) Screening Matrix and Appropriate Assessment Statement

Highways England reference: #7191

Dear Neighbourhood Planning Team,

Thank you for your email of 27 March 2019 notifying Highways England of the Selsey Neighbourhood Plan - Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) Screening Matrix and Appropriate Assessment Statement consultation.

Highways England has been appointed by the Secretary of State for Transport as strategic highway company under the provisions of the Infrastructure Act 2015 and is the highway authority, traffic authority and street authority for the strategic road network (SRN). The SRN is a critical national asset and as such Highways England works to ensure that it operates and is managed in the public interest, both in respect of current activities and needs as well as in providing effective stewardship of its long-term operation and integrity.

Highways England does not wish to submit representations on this statement.

Kind regards,

Elizabeth Cleaver, Assistant Spatial Planning Manager

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From: Giacomelli, Alison
Sent: 01 May 2019 11:52
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Subject: RE: Selsey NP - Habitats Regulations Assessment Screening Matrix and Appropriate Assessment Statement

Dear Tracey,

Thank you for consulting Natural England on the final version of the HRA for Selsey NP. I can confirm that Natural England agrees with the conclusions of the assessment and has no further comments to make over and above those that are set out in the HRA document.

Regards,
Alison

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Thank you for consulting Sport England on the above neighbourhood plan.

Government planning policy, within the **National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)**, identifies how the planning system can play an important role in facilitating social interaction and creating healthy, inclusive communities. Encouraging communities to become more physically active through walking, cycling, informal recreation and formal sport plays an important part in this process. Providing enough sports facilities of the right quality and type in the right places is vital to achieving this aim. This means that positive planning for sport, protection from the unnecessary loss of sports facilities, along with an integrated approach to providing new housing and employment land with community facilities is important.

It is essential therefore that the neighbourhood plan reflects and complies with national planning policy for sport as set out in the NPPF with particular reference to Pars 96 and 97. It is also important to be aware of Sport England's statutory consultee role in **protecting playing fields** and the presumption against the loss of playing field land. Sport England's playing fields policy is set out in our Playing Fields Policy and Guidance document.

<http://www.sportengland.org/playingfieldspolicy>

Sport England provides guidance on **developing planning policy** for sport and further information can be found via the link below. Vital to the development and implementation of planning policy is the evidence base on which it is founded.

<http://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/planning-for-sport/forward-planning/>

Sport England works with local authorities to ensure their Local Plan is underpinned by robust and up to date evidence. In line with Par 97 of the NPPF, this takes the form of **assessments of need and strategies for indoor and outdoor sports facilities**. A neighbourhood planning body should look to see if the relevant local authority has prepared a playing pitch strategy or other indoor/outdoor sports facility strategy. If it has then this could provide useful evidence for the neighbourhood plan and save the neighbourhood planning body time and resources gathering their own evidence. It is important that a neighbourhood plan reflects the recommendations and actions set out in any such strategies, including those which may specifically relate to the neighbourhood area, and that any local investment opportunities, such as the Community Infrastructure Levy, are utilised to support their delivery.

Where such evidence does not already exist then relevant planning policies in a neighbourhood plan should be based on a proportionate assessment of the need for sporting provision in its area. Developed in consultation with the local sporting and wider community any assessment should be used to provide key recommendations and deliverable actions. These should set out what provision is required to ensure the current and future needs of the community for sport can be met and, in turn, be able to support the development and implementation of planning policies. Sport England's guidance on assessing needs may help with such work.

<http://www.sportengland.org/planningtoolsandguidance>

If **new or improved sports facilities** are proposed Sport England recommend you ensure they are fit for purpose and designed in accordance with our design guidance notes.

<http://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/tools-guidance/design-and-cost-guidance/>

Any **new housing** developments will generate additional demand for sport. If existing sports facilities do not have the capacity to absorb the additional demand, then planning policies should look to ensure that new sports facilities, or improvements to existing sports facilities, are secured and delivered. Proposed actions to meet the demand should accord with any approved local plan or neighbourhood plan policy for social infrastructure, along with priorities resulting from any assessment of need, or set out in any playing pitch or other indoor and/or outdoor sports facility strategy that the local authority has in place.

In line with the Government's NPPF (including Section 8) and its Planning Practice Guidance (Health and wellbeing section), links below, consideration should also be given to how **any new development**, especially for new housing, will provide opportunities for people to lead healthy lifestyles and create healthy communities. Sport England's Active Design guidance can be used to help with this when developing planning policies and developing or assessing individual proposals.

Active Design, which includes a model planning policy, provides ten principles to help ensure the design and layout of development encourages and promotes participation in sport and physical activity. The guidance, and its accompanying checklist, could also be used at the evidence gathering stage of developing a neighbourhood plan to help undertake an assessment of how the design and layout of the area currently enables people to lead active lifestyles and what could be improved.

NPPF Section 8: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-planning-policy-framework/8-promoting-healthy-communities>

PPG Health and wellbeing section: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/health-and-wellbeing>

Sport England's Active Design Guidance: <https://www.sportengland.org/activedesign>

(Please note: this response relates to Sport England's planning function only. It is not associated with our funding role or any grant application/award that may relate to the site.)

If you need any further advice, please do not hesitate to contact Sport England using the contact details below.

Yours sincerely,

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Thank you for your recent correspondence regarding the Selsey HRA scoping letter and vision statement, in preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan.

The County Council does not have sufficient resources available to respond in detail to Neighbourhood Plan consultations (including SA/SEA/HRAs) unless there are potentially significant impacts on its services that we are not already aware of, or conflicts are identified with its emerging or adopted policies. When consulted we consider whether or not we will submit a response and if a response is needed, whether this be in the form of a formal County Council response to a consultation or general planning policy advice and development management guidance.

We can confirm we have no comments to make on this HRA Assessment.

Please continue to send consultations on the Neighbourhood Plan to planning.services@westsussex.gov.uk and caroline.west@westsussex.gov.uk, liaison will take place with services within the County Council and respond if it is considered appropriate.

Kind regards,

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