

Bradford Local Plan

Core Strategy Examination

Matter 7D Environment

Further Statement on SC8

Date: 19th March

Venue: Victoria Hall, Saltaire

Response to Addingham Civic Society suggested re-wording of Policy SC8 to include the North Pennine SPA/ SAC – doc ref PS/F027

1, 2 & 3

Amend title of introduction to SC8, heading to policy SC8 and refer to 'North Pennine Moors' whenever reference is made to 'South Pennine Moors'.

Response

Policy EN2 Biodiversity and Geodiversity refers to both the South Pennine Moors SPA/ SAC and the North Pennine Moors SPA/ SAC in the title and therefore provides a safeguard in relation to potential impacts on the North Pennine Moors SPA/ SAC. References were not made to the North Pennine Moors SPA/SAC in Policy SC8 as it was not considered that the information presented in the HRA of December 2014 or in the conclusions supported this.

4

Insert new line in policy SC8:

'Appropriate Assessments will be required within Zones A, Bi and Bii'

Response

In relation to the North Pennine Moors SPA/ SAC, it is considered that this is addressed in the first paragraph of EN2.

5

'A new paragraph should be inserted in the descriptive section after the main policy statement (commencing para 3.113) stating that where the North Pennine 2.5 SAC / SPA protection zones are impacted by Bradford Shlaa Sites the approach will be agreed jointly with Harrogate or words to that effect.'

Response

The HRA of the publication draft core strategy of December 2014 states:

'Supporting habitat

7.4.1 The North Pennine Moors SPA boundary is approximately 2.5km north of Ilkely, but most of the land between the two sites lies outside of the Bradford district. Housing allocations brought forward through the Bradford Core Strategy are therefore unlikely to have direct effects on SPA supporting habitats within this area. However, it is important that consideration is given to planning policies within the neighbouring planning authority to ensure this buffer between the SPA and the settlements within Wharfedale is conserved.'

The HRA review will assess SHLAA sites in Addingham in accordance with Natural England's advice. Consultation on the HRA and approach has taken place at a broad scale through the Leeds City Region, however it is considered to be reasonable that consultation should take place with Harrogate, the adjoining authority in relation to the North Pennine Moors.