



**Bradford Local Plan**

**Core Strategy Examination**

**Matter 3: Policy SC8 South Pennine Moors SPA**

**Further Statement on the programme for Review  
of the Habitats Regulations Assessment**

**Date: 10th March 2015**

**Venue: Victoria Hall, Saltaire**

- 1.1 During the session on Day 1 of the Examination into Bradford's Publication Draft Core Strategy there were discussions about the Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA) and its role as part of the evidence base for the submitted plan which led to the need for review on the basis that additional data was available which would allow the Council to take account of the advice offered by Natural England in a more technically accurate manner.
- 1.2 A Statement of Common Ground (PS/F014) was agreed between the Council, Natural England and CEG and submitted to the examination. This committed the Council to undertake a review of the HRA in light of the agreed principles set out in the Statement of Common Ground. The Inspector has requested an indication of the timetable for this review.
- 1.3 The timetable assumes several distinct phases for this work linked to the review itself together with the further work required on the basis of the anticipated need for main modifications to be appraised in advance of their publication for comment. The programme is purely indicative and could be subject to change.

**Phase 1 initial HRA review (March – Early May)**

Review of HRA in line with agreed principles by the Councils appointed consultants with input and guidance from Natural England.

**Phase 2 Review of proposed Main Modifications (May /June)**

Assessment of main modifications using reviewed HRA work and inform related further Sustainability Appraisal (SA) work required in light of modifications and reviewed HRA.

**Phase 3 Publication of reviewed HRA (June/July)**

Publish HRA in support of main modifications.

**Phase 4 Review of further representations on main modifications and HRA (August /September)**

Consideration of the representations and Council response.

- 1.4 There may also be further work required depending on representations received to the published proposed modifications and any related comments to revised supporting assessments including the Reviewed HRA.