

**Bradford Local Plan**

**Core Strategy Examination**

**Councils Response to Participants Further  
Statements on Policy SC8**

**Date: 29<sup>th</sup> April 2015**

## **Introduction**

- 1.1 The Council identified modifications to Policy SC8: Protecting the South Pennine Moors SPA and the South Pennine Moors SAC and their zone of influence for consideration in document PS/FO66. The following participants have made further comments which the Council considers below:

CEG Land Promotions PS/F082c

Ben Rhydding Green Belt Protection Group PS/F076b

- 1.2 The following addresses key points only and is not a comprehensive rebuttal of all the points raised by participants in their further statements.

## **Response**

- 1.3 The Council note that CEG indicate in paragraph 4.1 that they agree to the text presented at the end of PS/F066. The other issues raised by CEG relate to the clarity of the text in the statement. The explanatory text in PS/F066 presented the policy as the outcome of a process of statements of common ground and discussion by way of background context.
- 1.4 The main issues raised by Ben Rhydding Green Belt Protection Group are considered below.
- 1.5 The amendments to Policy SC8 were put forward as an outcome of the process initiated by the Inspector of meetings between Natural England, CEG and the Council in order to agree common ground to ensure a robust, sound and legally compliant Core Strategy and associated Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA).
- 1.6 The comments made by Ben Rhydding Green Belt Protection Group identify a need to promote better understanding of the process of site assessment and mitigation for a non-technical audience. The HRA Review should provide a clearer explanation of the process of initial assessment of sites and potential for mitigation.
- 1.7 A range of detailed queries are identified in relation to interpretation of the zones and detailed wording set out in the policy. It is recognised that initial technical guidance and the production of an SPD are likely to be required to interpret the policy and approach in greater detail. The Policy as written provides sufficient level of detail appropriate to a Core Strategy and the further work in subsequent Local Plan documents as well as the Associated SPD will provide further detail.

