



**Norfolk** County Council

# **Norfolk Minerals and Waste Local Plan**

## **Representations received on the Addendum to the Habitats Regulations Assessment – Test of Likely Significant Effects**

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1 representor submitted 1 representation making a comment about the Addendum to the Habitats Regulations Assessment for the proposed Main Modifications to the Norfolk Minerals and Waste Local Plan

The representation is also available to view online at:

<https://norfolk.oc2.uk/document/refs/7769>

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# Addendum to the Habitats Regulations Assessment - Test of Likely Significant Effects

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Comment

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**Respondent:** Environment Agency (Mr Harry Skinner, Sustainable Places - Planning Advisor) [22001]

**Summary:**

Review of the HRA

- “Policy WP15: Whitlingham Water Recycling Centre” – This is unlikely to cause a LSE, as this is refining plans in the mid-term. The long term “masterplan” should not be scoped out entirely so as not to affect the HRA assessment. Given this is at such a high level, I would suggest it is likely that this hasn’t been scoped out, but the wording made this a little unclear
- “Policy MP2: Spatial strategy for minerals extraction” – New routes to gain access to existing processing plant must not cause further detriment to the surrounding environment, and thus affect the conclusions of the HRA. This change must adhere to policy MW1, because of this no LSE should occur
- “MIN 200 in Carbrooke Extraction of sand and gravel: 4.47km to Norfolk Valley Fens SAC” – This sand and gravel extraction is an increase of 100,000 tonnes (300,000 tonnes to 400,000 tonnes). This is an increase of 25%, and therefore this may have the potential to cause some impact. This increase may have potential implications for terrestrial habitats, and/or impact on the water table, and subsequent aquatic/wetland habitats, if this extraction extends beneath the water table or expands across a wider area. This is not in my area, and I do not have bespoke knowledge of the habitats that may be impacted. Other teams may be able to provide further information if this will cause a LSE
- SIL 01 in Bawsey Extraction of silica sand 2.74km to Roydon Common Ramsar and Roydon Common and Dersingham Bog SAC – This section states “A modification is proposed to the policy wording regarding the information to be provided in a heritage statement. The modification does not change the site assessment in the HRA”. The changes to the wording in this section of the policy are not given, so determination of the impacts cannot be made. As this change in the policies wording is in relation to the heritage statement, this shouldn’t impact the conclusions of the HRA and no LSE should occur to the designated conservation areas/protected species etc.

**Change suggested by respondent:**

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**Legally compliant:** Not specified

**Sound:** Not specified

**Comply with duty:** Not specified

**Attachments:**

Environment Agency letter 27.12.2024 - <https://norfolk.oc2.uk/a/svnm>

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