



## New Southwark Plan: New and Amended Policies

### Habitats Regulations Assessment

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The New Southwark Plan will form part of Southwark’s development plan along with the London Plan and area action plans. It is a regeneration strategy for Southwark and will be used to make decisions on planning applications. While the New Southwark Plan must be in general conformity with the London Plan and the National Planning Policy Framework, it can adapt some of these policies to reflect specific issues in Southwark. It will replace the Core Strategy (2011) and saved Southwark Plan (2010) policies.

The Habitats Regulations requires that authorities assess the effects of land use plans on European sites to determine whether there will be any ‘likely significant effects’ (LSEs) on any Natura 2000 sites as a result of the plan’s implementation (either on its own or in combination with other plans or projects). If there are LSEs there will be a need for the authority to undertake an Appropriate Assessment to determine whether or not there will be any adverse effects on the sites’ integrity.

The policies within the New Southwark Plan: New and Amended Policies has been analysed to assess whether it would be likely to result in significant adverse impacts on European sites. A precautionary approach was adopted so that the assessment also considered cumulative impacts therefore all potentially significant adverse impacts were assessed.

The new and amended policies have no additional implications on the Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) screening (stage 1) that has been undertaken to assess the impact of the guidance in the New Southwark Plan: Area Visions and Site Allocation (preferred option). The preparation of the plan and amendments is considered likely to have no significant adverse effect on European sites and therefore requires no further HRA stages. Stage 2 (appropriate assessment and ascertaining the effect on site integrity) and stage 3 (mitigation and alternative solutions) of the HRA process are therefore not considered necessary to be undertaken.

### **Screening Analysis of the New Southwark Plan: New and amended policies**

This section screens the New Southwark Plan: new and amended policies for impacts on Natura 2000 sites. Each area vision and the related sites within the plan has been assessed against the criteria provided in section 6 which itself is based on guidance prepared by Tydesley and Associates for Natural England titled, ‘The Assessment of Regional Spatial Strategies and Sub Regional Strategies under the Provisions of the Habitats Regulations 2006.’

<b>New Southwark Plan Area</b>	<b>Related Site Allocation reference</b>	<b>Why policy will have no impact on Natura 2000 sites</b>	<b>Likely to have an impact</b>	<b>Essential recommendations to avoid potential negative effects on European sites</b>
Bankside and the Borough	NSP67: Swan Street Cluster	4, 7	No	None

Bermondsey	NSP66: Discovery Business Park and Railway Arches	4, 7	No	None
Camberwell	NSP65: Camberwell Green Magistrates Court NSP70: Denmark Hill Campus East	4, 7	No	None
Dulwich	NSP69: Dulwich Telephone Exchange, 512 Lordship Lane	4, 7	No	None
Rotherhithe	NSP68: Croft Street Depot	4, 7	No	None