



**Broxtowe
Borough
COUNCIL**

**Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) /
Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) Screening
Report prepared in relation to the Submission
Policies of the Chetwynd: The Toton and Chilwell
Neighbourhood Plan**

Final Conclusions

Broxtowe Borough Council

April 2021 (Updated in April 2022)

Background

Broxtowe Borough Council prepared a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) / Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) Screening Report in relation to the Submission Policies of the Chetwynd: The Toton and Chilwell Neighbourhood Plan (June 2020) in February 2021. The Borough Council concluded that an SEA was likely to be required for the Submission Policies of the Chetwynd: The Toton and Chilwell Neighbourhood Plan, for a number of reasons, as set out within the [February 2021 SEA / HRA Screening Report](#).

The Borough Council consulted the Environment Agency, Historic England and Natural England, as 'Consultation Bodies', (as set out within Regulation 4 of the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004), in line with the requirements under Regulation 9 of the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004, and formally requested any comments from these organisations on the Screening Report, including as to whether or not they agreed with the Borough Council's assessment that an SEA was likely to be required (i.e. a 'Screening Opinion'). The three Consultation Bodies were consulted by email on 4th March 2021.

Screening Opinions

Historic England responded to the Borough Council on 8th March 2021 and Natural England responded on 8th April 2021. Historic England confirmed within its [response](#) that *'on the basis of the information supplied and in the context of the criteria set out in Schedule 1 of the Environmental Assessment Regulations [Annex II of 'SEA' Directive], Historic England is of the view that the preparation of a Strategic Environmental Assessment is not likely to be required'*.

Within its [response](#), Natural England agreed *'with the report's conclusion that it is likely there may be significant environmental effects arising from the policies in the plan, which are not covered in the adopted local plan. Therefore, the Toton and Chilwell Neighbourhood Plan does require a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) to be undertaken'*.

Natural England also agreed that the Plan would be unlikely to result in any significant effect to European Sites, either alone or in combination, and that therefore an appropriate assessment under the Habitats Regulations would not be required.

Conclusions

In light of the Screening Opinions received, Broxtowe Borough Council determined that a Sustainable Environment Assessment (SEA) would be required but that an appropriate assessment under the Habitats Regulations would not be required.

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