

Werrington Neighbourhood Plan
Strategic Environmental Assessment
and
Habitats Regulations Assessment
Determination Statement

December 2023

This determination statement has been produced by Peterborough City Council, as “responsible authority”, to meet the requirements of Regulation 9 of the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004.

On 10 May 2023, Werrington Area Forum provided Peterborough City Council with a draft version of the Werrington Neighbourhood Plan (WNP) for the purpose of Strategic Environmental Assessment and Habitats Regulation Assessment. The Draft version provided is the Draft that was subsequently subject to public consultation (i.e. the ‘regulation 14’ consultation).

A Screening Report was prepared, on behalf of Werrington Area Forum by Peterborough City Council, based on the emerging WNP. The Screening Report examines the strategic policy and environmental context relevant to Werrington and undertakes a screening assessment.

The Screening Report was sent to the required statutory consultation bodies for comment. Responses were received from Historic England, Natural England and Environment Agency.

In summary, Historic England stated that it “...concur with the Council that the preparation of a Strategic Environmental Assessment is not required”.

Natural England stated that “...Significant effects on statutorily designated nature conservation sites or landscapes are unlikely; and significant effects on Habitats sites, either alone or in combination, are unlikely”.

The Environment Agency stated that they are “...in agreement that the Werrington Neighbourhood Plan does not need a full Strategic Environmental Assessment or a Habitats Regulations Assessment, and that there are unlikely to be significant impacts on the environment as a result of the Neighbourhood Development Plan”.

Based on the assessment undertaken in the Screening Report and the responses received from consultation bodies, the Council considers that it is unlikely that significant environmental effects will arise from implementation of the Werrington Neighbourhood Plan, and therefore Strategic Environmental Assessment is not required. The Council also considers that there are unlikely to be any significant effects on a designated European Site arising from the implementation of the WNP, and therefore further HRA assessment under the Habitats Regulations can be screened out.

The full Strategic Environmental Assessment & Habitats Regulations Assessment Final Screening Report (December 2023) is available on the Peterborough City Council website:

www.peterborough.gov.uk/council/planning-and-development/planning-policies/neighbourhood-plans.