

Habitats Regulations Assessment



Kington Area Neighbourhood Area

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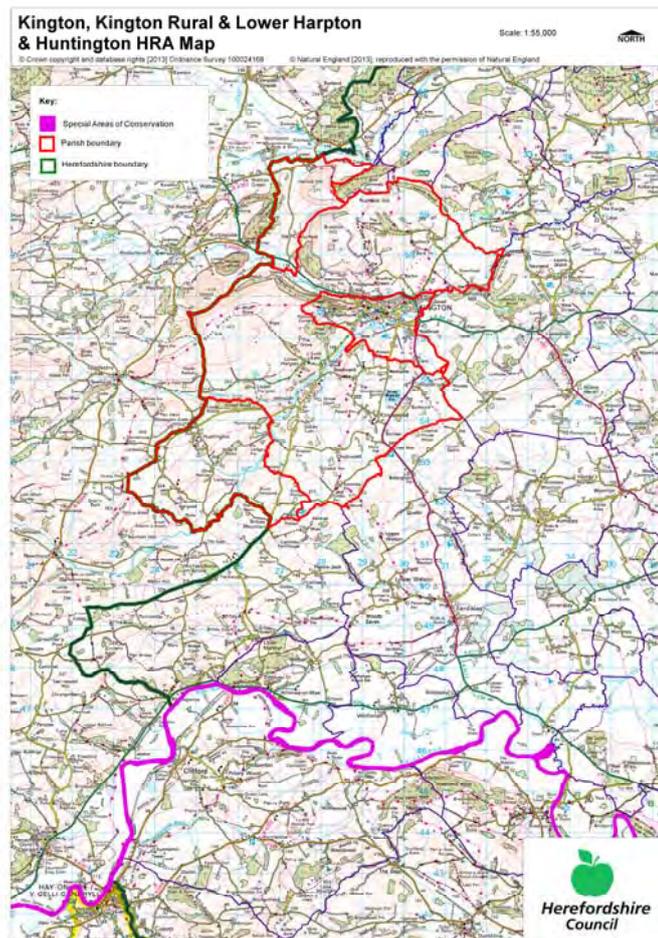
HRA Screening Assessment

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1 Introduction

- 1.1 This Screening Assessment relates to a Neighbourhood Development Plan that is considered to be in general conformity with higher level strategic plans, such as the Herefordshire Core Strategy and the National planning Policy Framework. The screening stage involves assessing broadly whether the Draft Neighbourhood Plan is likely to have a significant effect on any European site(s).
- 1.2 Kington Town along with Kington rural and Lower Harpton and Huntington Parish Council are producing a Neighbourhood Development Plan for Kington Town, Kington rural and Lower Harpton and Huntington and the plan is referred to as Kington Area Neighbourhood Plan. In order to set out the vision, objectives and policies for the development of the group up to 2031. This HRA reviews the Draft Kington Area Plan May 2016.
- 1.3 The NDP is criteria based and site based, the plan allocates 10 sites this along with windfall allowance and completed development will provide up to 200 dwellings in Kington Town. One site has been selected to provide housing in Hergest which is KR1 land north of Arrow View, this will provide up to 15 dwellings. It provides general policies that clarify and provide detail to the policies within the Herefordshire Core Strategy therefore it requires a high level screening assessment to build upon the HRA Screening Assessment Report for the Herefordshire Core Strategy. This high level screening assessment should be read in combination with the Herefordshire Pre-submission publication of the Local Plan-Core Strategy Habitat Regulations Assessment Report (April 2014) and ensures that there will not be any significant impacts upon Natura 2000 sites.
- 1.4 The map below shows Kington Area Neighbourhood Area with the European Site highlighted.



2 The requirement to undertake Habitats Regulations Assessment of neighbourhood plans

- 2.1 The requirement to undertake HRA of development plans was confirmed by the amendments to the “Habitats Regulations” published for England and Wales in July 2007 and updated in 2013. Therefore, when preparing its NDP, Kington Area Parish Council is required by law to carry out an assessment known as “Habitats Regulations Assessment”. It is also a requirement in Regulation 32 schedule 2 of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012.
- 2.2 Article 6(3) of the EU Habitats Directive provides that:
Any plan or project not directly connected with or necessary to the management of the [European] site but likely to have a significant effect thereon, either individually or in combination with other plans or projects, shall be subject to appropriate assessment of its implications for the site in view of the site's conservation objectives. In the light of the conclusions of the assessment of the implications for the site and subject to the provisions of paragraph 4, the competent national authorities shall agree to the plan or project only after having ascertained that it will not adversely affect the integrity of the site concerned and, if appropriate, after having obtained the opinion of the general public.
- 2.3 HRA is an impact-led assessment and refers to the assessment of the potential effects of a neighbourhood plan on one or more European sites, including Special Protection Areas (SPAs) and Special Areas of Conservation (SACs):
- **SPAs** are classified under the European Council Directive ‘on the conservation of wild birds’ (79/409/EEC; ‘Birds Directive’) for the protection of **wild birds and their habitats** (including particularly rare and vulnerable species listed in Annex 1 of the Birds Directive, and migratory species).
 - **SACs** are designated under the Habitats Directive and target **particular habitats** (Annex 1) and/or species (Annex II) identified as being of European importance.
- 2.4 For ease of reference during HRA, general practice has been that these three designations are collectively referred to as either **Natura 2000** or **European sites**. This means that a Screening Assessment is carried out with regard to the Conservation Objectives of the European Sites and with reference to other plans or projects to identify if any significant effect is likely for any European Site.

3 Methodology

- 3.1 As the Kington Area Plan is not directly connected with the management of any European sites, and includes proposals for development which may affect European sites, it is necessary under Regulation 102(1)(a) of the Habitats Regulations 2010 to undertake screening for likely significant effects on European sites.
- 3.2 The HRA of neighbourhood plans is undertaken in stages and should conclude whether or not a proposal or policy in a neighbourhood plan would adversely affect the integrity of the site in question. This is judged in terms of the implications of the plan for a site’s ‘qualifying features’ (i.e. those Annex I habitats, Annex II species, and Annex I bird populations for which it has been designated) and are measured with reference to the conservation objectives for those qualifying features as defined by Natural England.
- 3.3 The first process is to undertake an initial screening report to determine the need to undertake the requirement for a HRA, this initial screening identifies whether the Plan could impact upon any European site that could be within the Neighbourhood Area or nearby.

- 3.4 If a European Site is within the Neighbourhood Area or the Neighbourhood Area could impact upon a European site then this will need to be taken into account and a full screening assessment will need to be undertaken.
- 3.5 The full screening stage consists of a description of the plan, identification of potential effects on European Sites, assessing the effects on European Sites (taking into account potential mitigation provided by other policies in the plan). For Neighbourhood Plans the outcome should demonstrate there are no likely effects upon the European sites. If any likely effects occur then there will need to be amendments to the NDP made and be re-screened until all likely effects have been mitigated.

4 Results of the Initial Screening Report and options

- 4.1 The initial Screening report (November 2013) found that the neighbourhood group area is within the hydrological catchment of the Arrow and therefore also in the hydrological catchment area of the River Wye SAC, and the SAC is located to the south of the Neighbourhood Area and therefore a full screening assessment is required.
- 4.2 For full details of the River Wye's attributes which contribute to and define their integrity and vulnerable data see Appendix 1 of the Kington Area Plan Initial Screening Report. The Initial Screening Report, November 2013, can be found in Appendix 4 of this HRA report. This information made it possible to identify the features of each site which determine site integrity, as well as the specific sensitivities of each site, therefore enabling later analysis of how the potential impacts of the Kington Area Neighbourhood Plan may affect site integrity.
- 4.3 The initial options for the NDP were assessed to determine their environmental impact that could affect the River Wye SAC. Overall the majority of the options proposing any growth appear to depend on location and scale in relation to environmental impact. However the options listed are all on a small scale and are unlikely to have a significant impact on the SAC.
- 4.4 As Kington Area progresses from options onto their NDP policies, the Plan will need to identify ways in which the least effect on the River Wye SAC could be achieved, alongside taking forward the preferred options from the consultation from the community. If a majority of these options are taken forward either as standalone policies or in combination with other policies then the mitigation from these options will help to counter balance the effect of all new development within the Parish. A list of the options assessed can be found in Appendix 1, and the Assessment matrix for the options can be found Appendix 2.
- 4.5 Kington Town has considered 20 sites in detail, these have been considered to allocate proportion growth housing. 10 sites have been selected to provide housing for up to 168 dwellings, therefore around 32 dwellings will be delivered from windfall. Hergest is an identified settlement for proportionate growth within the Core Strategy and allocates 1 site to accommodate up to 15 dwellings. This along with windfall figures is in line with the core strategy target of 32 dwellings to be provided in the plan period 2011-2031. All of the sites considered and the eleven selected have been screened and concluded that no sites will have a significant impact on the River Wye SAC.

5 Description of the Kington Area Neighbourhood Plan

- 5.1 The Draft Kington Area Plan presents detailed policies for development in the Neighbourhood Area, which is equivalent to the Kington Town, Kington rural, Huntington and Lower Harpton Town and Parish boundaries, up to 2031. The first part of the Plan introduces the Plan and its preparation and discusses the background to each of the villages.

- 5.2 The NDP then details the vision for the Parish over the Plan period and fifteen objectives of how this will be achieved. The objectives cover the following topics:

Natural Environment
Protection of built and natural Environment
Sustainable housing growth
High design standards
Protect enhance Kington Town centre
Promotion of healthy, sustainable modes of transport
Support of farming diversification supporting local employment
Manage large scale poly tunnels
Sustainable green tourism
Green space protection
Support green infrastructure
Local infrastructure
Flooding issues
Community facilities
Renewable energy

- 5.3 The NDP also sets out 16 general policies on various topics based on the objective headings above and also for the town and villages, these include:

A Valued Natural Environment
Dark Skies
A Valued Built Environment
Settlement Boundary
Housing Delivery Kington Town
Housing Delivery Land South of Kington
Housing Delivery Hergest
Housing Delivery: Rural Areas
Housing Design Criteria
A Thriving Rural Employment
Kington Town Centre
Sustainable Tourism
Local Infrastructure
Local Green Spaces
Green Infrastructure
Community Facilities

6 Identification of other plans and projects which may have 'in-combination' effects

- 6.1 Regulation 102 of the Habitats Regulations 2010 requires an appropriate assessment where a land use plan (not directly connected with or necessary to the management of the site) is likely to have a significant effect on a European site, either alone or in combination with other plans or projects. In addition, in accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning Regulation 2012 a NDP cannot have a significant effect on any European Site whether alone or in combination with another Plan.
- 6.2 There are a number of potentially relevant plans and projects which may result in in-combination effects with the Core Strategy across Herefordshire, these plans have been reviewed and can be found in Appendix 2 of the pre-submission publication of the Herefordshire Local Plan – Core Strategy Habitats Regulations Assessment (May 2014). It is seen that as this NDP does not go over and beyond the requirements set out in the Core Strategy this review will also be substantial for the NDP.

- 6.3 The HRA for the Core Strategy also identifies that both the Water Cycle Study for Herefordshire, which indicates the potential for planned water abstraction requirements combined with pressures on European Sites from the Core Strategy policies, and the work on the Nutrient Management Plan, to ensure the favourable conservation status of the SAC in respect of phosphate levels as soon as possible and at the latest by 2027, have both been considered as part of the in-combination assessment.

7 Assessment of the 'likely significant effects' of the Kington Area Plan NDP

- 7.1 As required under Regulation 102 of the Habitats Regulations 2010, a screening assessment has been undertaken to identify the 'likely significant effects' of the NDP. A screening matrix was prepared in order to identify whether any of the policies in the Plan would be likely to have a significant effect on the River Wye SAC.
- 7.2 The findings of the screening matrix can be found in the Screening Matrix in Appendix 3 of this report. Colour coding was used to record the likely impacts of the policies on the European site and its qualifying habitats and species as shown in the table 1 below.

Red	There are likely to be significant effects
Green	Significant effects are unlikely

- 7.3 The Screening matrix took the approach of screening each policy individually, which is consistent with current guidance documents. The results from the HRA report for the adopted Herefordshire Core Strategy were also taken into consideration.
- 7.4 Mitigation of some of the identified potential effects could be achieved through implementation of the other policies within the NDP which require good practice measures during and after construction phases, such as more efficient use of water, reduction in waste and encouragement of recycling. The provision and encouragement of use of more sustainable transport measures when improving the transport infrastructure, will also help to reduce car traffic around the parish and surrounding areas.

8 Conclusions from the Screening Matrix

- 8.1 In conclusion none of the Draft Kington Area Plan (May 2017) policies or sites allocated were likely to have a significant effect on the River Wye SAC. Based on assumptions and information contained within the Kington Area Plan, Herefordshire Core Strategy and the adopted version of the HRA for the Core Strategy all of the NDP policies were found to be unlikely to result in significant effects on the River Wye SAC.
- 8.2 In many cases this is because the policy itself would not result in development, i.e., it related instead to criteria for development. In a number of cases the policies also included measures to help support the natural environment, including biodiversity and therefore no significant effect conclusion could be reached. In addition, these policies have the potential to mitigate some of the possible adverse effects arising from allocated sites. In addition to the NDP policies, the Core Strategy also has policies to mitigate potential adverse affect from small and large scaled development.
- 8.3 The plan is criteria and based, along with allocated eleven sites for development and a settlement boundary for Kington Town and Hergest Area. Site KR1 located in Hergest settlement boundary has been screened and no significant effects towards the River Wye SAC have been found. None of the eleven sites screened for Kington have found to impact the River Wye SAC due to the location and placement of sites, the majority of these sites were of a small scale and unlikely to contribute a detrimental effect. However the two large scale

sites south of Kington Town K12 and K13, are of a large but have criteria within the policy and throughout the Kington Area NDP to mitigate any adverse effect caused from development.

- 8.4 Dwr Cymru Welsh Water (DCWW) has stated for the Core Strategy that there is sufficient existing permitted headroom in the Sewerage Treatment works serving the Kington area to continue to treat the water from the amount of housing provided for in the Core Strategy policies. In addition, the preparation of the Nutrient Management Plan for the River Wye SAC should ensure that development within Herefordshire which can be accommodated within existing water discharge permits would not be likely to have a significant effect upon the River Wye SAC.
- 8.5 It is unlikely that the Kington Area Plan will have any in-combination effects with any Plans from neighbouring parish councils as the level of growth proposed is the same as that proposed for the Housing Market Area in the Herefordshire Core Strategy and all of the proposed housing sites will be of a small scale.
- 8.6 It is therefore concluded that **the Kington Area Plan will not have a likely significant effect on the River Wye SAC.**
- 8.7 Any further amendments to policies (post May 2017) will be rescreened if required and an addendum to this report will be produced.

Appendix 1

Appendix 1

Kington Area Plan

Option 1- Do nothing

Option 2- Allocate sites for housing

Option 3- Manage future housing using a settlement boundary

Option 4 - Allocate sites and identify a settlement boundary

Option 5- Manage future housing through a development management policy

Option 6- Allocate greenspace in Kington Town

Option 7- Use UDP identified settlement boundary as a settlement boundary

Option 8- Extend UDP identified settlement boundary

K1 Land north of Greenfield Drive (2 dwellings) Selected

K2 Land to the west of Greenfield Drive

K3 Land at the corner of Llewelin Road and Garden Close (4 dwellings) Selected

K4 Land to rear of Oxford Arms

K5 Site off Victoria Road (10 dwellings) Selected

K6 Land south of Elizabeth Road (20 dwellings) Selected

K7 Cattle Market

K8 Old Wesleyan Chapel, Crabtree Lane (10 dwellings) Selected

K9 Field adjacent to Mill Street (15 dwellings) Selected

K10 Land to the north of Headbrook

K11 Land south of Newburn Lane

K12 Land east of Kingswood Road (1) (K12 and K13 100dwellings) selected

K13 Land east of Kingswood Road (2) (K12 and K13 100dwellings) selected

K14 Land west of Kingswood Road

K15 Land to the rear of properties on the eastern side of Kingswood Road (5 dwellings) Selected

K16 Land adjacent to Temple Lane development

K17 Land to the rear of properties on the western side of Kingswood Road

K18 Land East of Hereford Road, A4111

K19 Land West of Hereford Road, A4111

K20 Land to the East of Hergest Road (2 dwellings) Selected

KR1 Land north of Arrow View, Hergest Selected

KR2 Land south of Hergest

KR3 Land south of Arrow View, Hergest

Appendix 2

Table 1: HRA Screening of Emerging Neighbourhood Development Plan Options

Parish Council Name: Kington

NDP Title: Kington Area Neighbourhood Development Plan

Date undertaken: May 2017

Core Strategy HRA version: Adopted Core Strategy version

NDP Options	HRA Screening of Emerging NDP objectives, options and policies				
	Likely activities (operations) to result as a consequence of the objective/option/policy	Likely effect if option implemented. Could they have Likely Significant Effects (LSE) on European Sites? (Yes/No, with reasons) <i>(If no, progress on to next objective/option/policy. If yes, progress on to next set of columns in row)</i>	European Sites potentially affected	Mitigation measures to be considered, as necessary, through redraft of objective/option/policy and to be considered as part of Appropriate Assessment	If recommendations are implemented, would it be possible that it would result in no LSE? (Yes/No with reasons)
Option 1- Do nothing	No NDP to determine planning applications.	Criteria policies within the Core Strategy would guide further development. Specific policies and proposals for the parish would not exist.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Option 2- Allocate sites for housing	Small scale proportionate growth on specific sites identified on a proposals map.	Greater degree of certainty over the impact of future development on the European sites, as the location of housing would be pre-determined and not	River Wye (including the River Lugg) SAC	Specific environmental issues could be investigated during the site search and be positively addressed	No, development in line with the Local Plan (Core Strategy) and the policy safeguards which exist within the Core Strategy should

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		left to market forces.		within the policy wording. Policy would need to take account of the proportional growth requirements of the Core Strategy and potential headroom capacity at the local STW.	avoid or mitigate any likely significant effects. Policy criteria should be included within the NDP which reflects this. Further assessments will be undertaken at draft policy stage.
Option 3- Manage future housing using a settlement boundary	Small scale proportionate growth within a defined settlement boundary area.	Uncertain as to the impact on the European sites as dependant on the location of the development	River Wye (including the River Lugg) SAC	Additional criteria would be required when formulating the accompanying settlement boundary policy to ensure that no likely significant effects could occur. Policy would need to take account of the proportional growth requirements of the Core Strategy and potential headroom capacity at the local STW.	No, development in line with the Local Plan (Core Strategy) and the policy safeguards which exist within the Core Strategy should avoid or mitigate any likely significant effects. Policy criteria should be included within the NDP which reflects this. Further assessments will be undertaken at draft policy stage.
Option 4 - Allocate sites and identify a settlement boundary	Small scale proportionate growth on specific sites identified on a proposals map and within a defined settlement boundary area.	Greater degree of certainty over the impact of future development on the European sites, as the location of housing would be pre-determined and the settlement boundary	River Wye (including the River Lugg) SAC	Specific environmental issues could be investigated during the site search and be positively addressed within the policy wording.	No, development in line with the Local Plan (Core Strategy) and the policy safeguards which exist within the Core Strategy should avoid or mitigate any

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		would provide a clear distinction between open countryside and the built environment.		<p>Additional criteria would be required when formulating the accompanying settlement boundary policy to ensure that no likely significant effects could occur.</p> <p>Policy would need to take account of the proportional growth requirements of the Core Strategy and potential headroom capacity at the local STW.</p>	<p>likely significant effects.</p> <p>Policy criteria should be included within the NDP which reflects this. Further assessments will be undertaken at draft policy stage.</p>
Option 5 Manage future housing through a development management policy.	Small scale proportionate growth where the location would be determined by a criteria based policy.	Uncertain as to the impact on the European sites as dependant on the location of the development.	River Wye (including the River Lugg) SAC	<p>Criteria based housing policy would require to include reference to mitigation measures to avoid any non-disturbance effects on the River Wye via its catchment.</p> <p>Policy would need to take account of the proportional growth requirements of the Core Strategy and potential headroom capacity at the local STW.</p>	<p>No, development in line with the Local Plan (Core Strategy) and the policy safeguards which exist within the Core Strategy should avoid or mitigate any likely significant effects.</p> <p>Policy criteria should be included within the NDP which reflects this. Further assessments will be undertaken at draft policy stage.</p>

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Option 6- Allocate greenspace within Kington Town	Protection of biodiversity And local greenspace Increase in recreation use Increase use of sustainable transport Safeguard local landscape character	No	River Wye (including the River Lugg) SAC	This policy helps to safeguard greenspace in line with policy LD2 and 1, and help mitigate adverse effects caused from development.	No: Scale and extent of such development is unlikely to be significant. This objective is likely to have a beneficial effect on environment and biodiversity of Kington Town.
Option 7- Use UDP identified settlement boundary as a settlement boundary	Minimal growth within a defined settlement boundary area.	Uncertain as to the impact on the European sites as dependant on the location of the development	River Wye (including the River Lugg) SAC	Additional criteria would be required when formulating the accompanying settlement boundary policy to ensure that no likely significant effects could occur. Policy would need to take account of the proportional growth requirements of the Core Strategy and potential headroom capacity at the local STW. Kington is unlikely to meet housing target without extending the UDP settlement boundary.	No, development in line with the Local Plan (Core Strategy) and the policy safeguards which exist within the Core Strategy should avoid or mitigate any likely significant effects. Policy criteria should be included within the NDP which reflects this. Further assessments will be undertaken at draft policy stage.
Option 8- Extend UDP identified settlement boundary as a	Small scale proportionate growth within a defined settlement boundary	Uncertain as to the impact on the European sites as dependant on the location	River Wye (including the River Lugg) SAC	Additional criteria would be required when formulating the accompanying settlement	No, development in line with the Local Plan (Core Strategy) and the policy safeguards

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settlement boundary	area.	of the development		boundary policy to ensure that no likely significant effects could occur. Policy would need to take account of the proportional growth requirements of the Core Strategy and potential headroom capacity at the local STW.	which exist within the Core Strategy should avoid or mitigate any likely significant effects. Policy criteria should be included within the NDP which reflects this. Further assessments will be undertaken at draft policy stage.
Kington Site Options					
K1 Land north of Greenfield Drive (2 dwellings) Selected	Increase in water usage, abstraction and sewage treatment Loss of greenfield land Small increase in traffic and parking demands New housing located on the edge of settlement. Demand in broadband and communication services. Light pollution	No: the location and scale of development proposed would not give rise to likely significant effects, but note that development may result in the loss of foraging space in the form of an open agricultural field.	River Wye SAC.	There are sufficient safeguards within other policies to avoid any adverse impacts, and the inclusion of additional policy wording in the NDP. This site has been identified in direct response to the proportional growth target within that policy and its development, either in isolation or in tandem with the other proposed site allocations, would not exceed the Local Plan's requirements.	No. The scale and extent of development on this site is unlikely to have a significant impact on the SAC Impact towards the River Wye SAC can be further determined on a case by case basis at planning application stage.

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<p>K2 Land to the west of Greenfield Drive</p>	<p>Increase in water usage, abstraction and sewage treatment</p> <p>Small increase in traffic and parking demands</p> <p>New housing</p> <p>Demand in broadband and communication services.</p> <p>Light pollution</p> <p>Non physical disturbance</p> <p>Increase in energy use</p>	<p>No: the location and scale of development proposed would not give rise to likely significant effects.</p>	<p>River Wye SAC.</p>	<p>There are sufficient safeguards within other policies to avoid any adverse impacts, and the inclusion of additional policy wording in the NDP. This site has been identified in direct response to the proportional growth target within that policy and its development, either in isolation or in tandem with the other proposed site allocations, would not exceed the Local Plan's requirements.</p>	<p>No. The scale and extent of development on this site is unlikely to have a significant impact on the SAC. Impact towards the River Wye SAC can be further determined on a case by case basis at planning application stage.</p>
<p>K3 Land at the corner of Llewelin Road and Garden Close (4 dwellings)</p> <p>Selected</p>	<p>Increase in water usage, abstraction and sewage treatment</p> <p>Small increase in traffic and parking demands</p> <p>New housing</p> <p>Demand in broadband and communication services.</p> <p>Light pollution</p> <p>Non physical disturbance</p>	<p>Due to the scale and proximity of the location to the SAC site it is unlikely that there will be significant effects on the European Site.</p>	<p>River Wye SAC.</p>	<p>There are sufficient safeguards within other policies to avoid any adverse impacts, and the inclusion of additional policy wording in the NDP. This site has been identified in direct response to the proportional growth target within that policy and its development, either in isolation or in tandem with the other proposed site allocations, would not exceed the Local</p>	<p>No. The scale and extent of development on this site is unlikely to have a significant impact on the SAC . Impact towards the River Wye SAC can be further determined on a case by case basis at planning application stage.</p>

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	Increase in energy use			Plan's requirements.	
K4 Land to rear of Oxford Arms	<p>Increase in water usage, abstraction and sewage treatment</p> <p>Small increase in traffic and parking demands</p> <p>New housing</p> <p>Demand in broadband and communication services.</p> <p>Light pollution</p> <p>Non physical disturbance</p> <p>Increase in energy use</p>	Due to the scale and proximity of the location to the SAC site it is unlikely that there will be significant effects on the European Site.	River Wye SAC.	There are sufficient safeguards within other policies to avoid any adverse impacts, and the inclusion of additional policy wording in the NDP. This site has been identified in direct response to the proportional growth target within that policy and its development, either in isolation or in tandem with the other proposed site allocations, would not exceed the Local Plan's requirements.	No. The scale and extent of development on this site is unlikely to have a significant impact on the SAC. Impact towards the River Wye SAC can be further determined on a case by case basis at planning application stage.
K5 Site off Victoria Road (10 dwellings) Selected	<p>Increase in water usage, abstraction and sewage treatment</p> <p>Small increase in traffic and parking demands</p> <p>New housing</p> <p>Demand in broadband and communication services.</p> <p>Light pollution</p>	Due to the scale and proximity of the location to the SAC site it is unlikely that there will be significant effects on the European Site.	River Wye SAC.	There are sufficient safeguards within other policies to avoid any adverse impacts, and the inclusion of additional policy wording in the NDP. This site has been identified in direct response to the proportional growth target within that policy and its development, either in isolation or in tandem with the other proposed site	No. The scale and extent of development on this site is unlikely to have a significant impact on the SAC. Impact towards the River Wye SAC can be further determined on a case by case basis at planning application stage.

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	<p>Non physical disturbance</p> <p>Increase in energy use</p>			<p>allocations, would not exceed the Local Plan's requirements.</p>	
<p>K6 Land south of Elizabeth Road (20 dwellings)</p> <p>Selected</p>	<p>Increase in water usage, abstraction and sewage treatment</p> <p>Small increase in traffic and parking demands</p> <p>New housing</p> <p>Demand in broadband and communication services.</p> <p>Light pollution</p> <p>Non physical disturbance</p> <p>Increase in energy use</p>	<p>No: the scale of development proposed would not give rise to likely significant effects.</p>	<p>River Wye SAC.</p>	<p>There are sufficient safeguards within other policies to avoid any adverse impacts, and the inclusion of additional policy wording in the NDP. This site has been identified in direct response to the proportional growth target within that policy and its development, either in isolation or in tandem with the other proposed site allocations, would not exceed the Local Plan's requirements.</p>	<p>No. The scale and extent of development on this site is unlikely to have a significant impact on the SAC .</p> <p>Impact towards the River Wye SAC can be further determined on a case by case basis at planning application stage.</p>
<p>K7 Cattle Market</p>	<p>Increase in water usage, abstraction and sewage treatment</p> <p>Small increase in traffic and parking demands</p> <p>New housing</p> <p>Demand in broadband and communication services.</p>	<p>No: the scale of development proposed would not give rise to likely significant effects.</p>	<p>River Wye SAC.</p>	<p>There are sufficient safeguards within other policies to avoid any adverse impacts, and the inclusion of additional policy wording in the NDP. This site has been identified in direct response to the proportional growth target within that policy and its development, either in isolation</p>	<p>No. The scale and extent of development on this site is unlikely to have a significant impact on the SAC .</p> <p>Impact towards the River Wye SAC can be further determined on a case by case basis at planning application stage.</p>

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	<p>Light pollution</p> <p>Non physical disturbance</p> <p>Increase in energy use</p>			<p>or in tandem with the other proposed site allocations, would not exceed the Local Plan's requirements.</p>	
<p>K8 Old Wesleyan Chapel, Crabtree Lane (10 dwellings)</p> <p>Selected</p>	<p>Increase in water usage, abstraction and sewage treatment</p> <p>Small increase in traffic and parking demands</p> <p>New housing</p> <p>Demand in broadband and communication services.</p> <p>Light pollution</p> <p>Non physical disturbance</p> <p>Increase in energy use</p>	<p>Due to the scale and proximity of the location to the SAC site it is unlikely that there will be significant effects on the European Site.</p>	<p>River Wye SAC.</p>	<p>There are sufficient safeguards within other policies to avoid any adverse impacts, and the inclusion of additional policy wording in the NDP. This site has been identified in direct response to the proportional growth target within that policy and its development, either in isolation or in tandem with the other proposed site allocations, would not exceed the Local Plan's requirements.</p>	<p>No. The scale and extent of development on this site is unlikely to have a significant impact on the SAC .</p> <p>Impact towards the River Wye SAC can be further determined on a case by case basis at planning application stage.</p>
<p>K9 Field adjacent to Mill Street (15 dwellings)</p> <p>Selected</p>	<p>Increase in water usage, abstraction and sewage treatment</p> <p>Small increase in traffic and parking demands</p> <p>New housing</p> <p>Demand in broadband and communication</p>	<p>No: the scale of development proposed would not give rise to likely significant effects.</p>	<p>River Wye SAC.</p>	<p>There are sufficient safeguards within other policies to avoid any adverse impacts, and the inclusion of additional policy wording in the NDP. This site has been identified in direct response to the proportional growth target within that policy and its</p>	<p>No. The scale and extent of development on this site is unlikely to have a significant impact on the SAC .</p> <p>Impact towards the River Wye SAC can be further determined on a case by case basis at planning application</p>

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	<p>services.</p> <p>Light pollution</p> <p>Non physical disturbance</p> <p>Increase in energy use</p>			<p>development, either in isolation or in tandem with the other proposed site allocations, would not exceed the Local Plan's requirements.</p>	<p>stage.</p>
<p>K10 Land to the north of Headbrook</p>	<p>Increase in water usage, abstraction and sewage treatment</p> <p>Small increase in traffic and parking demands</p> <p>New housing</p> <p>Demand in broadband and communication services.</p> <p>Light pollution</p> <p>Non physical disturbance</p> <p>Increase in energy use</p>	<p>No: the scale of development proposed would not give rise to likely significant effects. Flooding may impact viability of this development.</p>	<p>River Wye SAC.</p>	<p>There are sufficient safeguards within other policies to avoid any adverse impacts, and the inclusion of additional policy wording in the NDP. This site has been identified in direct response to the proportional growth target within that policy and its development, either in isolation or in tandem with the other proposed site allocations, would not exceed the Local Plan's requirements.</p>	<p>No. The scale and extent of development on this site is unlikely to have a significant impact on the SAC .</p> <p>Impact towards the River Wye SAC can be further determined on a case by case basis at planning application stage.</p>
<p>K11 Land south of Newburn Lane</p>	<p>Increase in water usage, abstraction and sewage treatment</p> <p>Small increase in traffic and parking demands</p> <p>New housing</p> <p>Demand in broadband</p>	<p>No: the scale of development proposed would not give rise to likely significant effects.</p>	<p>River Wye SAC.</p>	<p>There are sufficient safeguards within other policies to avoid any adverse impacts, and the inclusion of additional policy wording in the NDP. This site has been identified in direct response to the</p>	<p>No. The scale and extent of development on this site is unlikely to have a significant impact on the SAC .</p> <p>Impact towards the River Wye SAC can be further determined on a case by case basis</p>

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	<p>and communication services.</p> <p>Light pollution</p> <p>Non physical disturbance</p> <p>Increase in energy use</p>			<p>proportional growth target within that policy and its development, either in isolation or in tandem with the other proposed site allocations, would not exceed the Local Plan's requirements.</p>	<p>at planning application stage.</p>
<p>K12 Land east of Kingswood Road (1) (K12 and K13 100dwellings)</p> <p>Selected</p>	<p>Increase in water usage, abstraction and sewage treatment</p> <p>Large increase in traffic and parking demands</p> <p>New housing</p> <p>Demand in broadband and communication services.</p> <p>Light pollution</p> <p>Non physical disturbance</p> <p>Increase in energy use</p>	<p>This is a large scale site, there are safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy to mitigate impacts from development. However due to the sites location it is unlikely to have a significant impact on the River Wye SAC.</p>	<p>River Wye SAC.</p>	<p>There are sufficient safeguards within other policies to avoid any adverse impacts, and the inclusion of additional policy wording in the NDP. This site has been identified in direct response to the proportional growth target within that policy and its development, either in isolation or in tandem with the other proposed site allocations, would not exceed the Local Plan's requirements.</p>	<p>No. The location and extent of development on this site is unlikely to have a significant impact on the SAC. The scale of this development is large, there are criteria within the policy and ndp to mitigate adverse impacts from this site.</p> <p>Impact towards the River Wye SAC can be further determined on a case by case basis at planning application stage.</p>
<p>K13 Land east of Kingswood Road (2) (K12 and K13 100dwellings)</p> <p>Selected</p>	<p>Increase in water usage, abstraction and sewage treatment</p> <p>Large increase in traffic and parking demands</p>	<p>This is a large scale site, there are safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy to mitigate impacts from development. However due to the sites location it</p>	<p>River Wye SAC.</p>	<p>There are sufficient safeguards within other policies to avoid any adverse impacts, and the inclusion of additional policy wording in the NDP. This site has been</p>	<p>No. The location and extent of development on this site is unlikely to have a significant impact on the SAC. The scale of this development is large,</p>

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	<p>New housing</p> <p>Demand in broadband and communication services.</p> <p>Light pollution</p> <p>Non physical disturbance</p> <p>Increase in energy use</p>	<p>is unlikely to have a significant impact on the River Wye SAC.</p>		<p>identified in direct response to the proportional growth target within that policy and its development, either in isolation or in tandem with the other proposed site allocations, would not exceed the Local Plan's requirements.</p>	<p>there are criteria within the policy and ndp to mitigate adverse impacts from this site.</p> <p>Impact towards the River Wye SAC can be further determined on a case by case basis at planning application stage.</p>
<p>K14 Land west of Kingswood Road</p>	<p>Increase in water usage, abstraction and sewage treatment</p> <p>Small increase in traffic and parking demands</p> <p>New housing</p> <p>Demand in broadband and communication services.</p> <p>Light pollution</p> <p>Non physical disturbance</p> <p>Increase in energy use</p>	<p>No: the scale of development proposed would not give rise to likely significant effects.</p>	<p>River Wye SAC.</p>	<p>There are sufficient safeguards within other policies to avoid any adverse impacts, and the inclusion of additional policy wording in the NDP. This site has been identified in direct response to the proportional growth target within that policy and its development, either in isolation or in tandem with the other proposed site allocations, would not exceed the Local Plan's requirements.</p>	<p>No. The scale and extent of development on this site is unlikely to have a significant impact on the SAC .</p> <p>Impact towards the River Wye SAC can be further determined on a case by case basis at planning application stage.</p>
<p>K15 Land to the rear of properties on the eastern side of Kingswood Road (5</p>	<p>Increase in water usage, abstraction and sewage treatment</p> <p>Small increase in traffic</p>	<p>No: the scale of development proposed would not give rise to likely significant effects.</p>	<p>River Wye SAC.</p>	<p>There are sufficient safeguards within other policies to avoid any adverse impacts, and the inclusion of additional</p>	<p>No. The scale and extent of development on this site is unlikely to have a significant impact on the SAC .</p>

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dwelling(s) Selected	and parking demands New housing Demand in broadband and communication services. Light pollution Non physical disturbance Increase in energy use			policy wording in the NDP. This site has been identified in direct response to the proportional growth target within that policy and its development, either in isolation or in tandem with the other proposed site allocations, would not exceed the Local Plan's requirements.	Impact towards the River Wye SAC can be further determined on a case by case basis at planning application stage.
K16 Land adjacent to Temple Lane development	Increase in water usage, abstraction and sewage treatment Small increase in traffic and parking demands New housing Demand in broadband and communication services. Light pollution Non physical disturbance Increase in energy use	No: the scale of development proposed would not give rise to likely significant effects.	River Wye SAC.	There are sufficient safeguards within other policies to avoid any adverse impacts, and the inclusion of additional policy wording in the NDP. This site has been identified in direct response to the proportional growth target within that policy and its development, either in isolation or in tandem with the other proposed site allocations, would not exceed the Local Plan's requirements.	No. The scale and extent of development on this site is unlikely to have a significant impact on the SAC . Impact towards the River Wye SAC can be further determined on a case by case basis at planning application stage.
K17 Land to the rear of properties on the western side of	Increase in water usage, abstraction and sewage treatment	No: the scale of development proposed would not give	River Wye SAC.	There are sufficient safeguards within other policies to avoid any	No. The scale and extent of development on this site is unlikely

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Kingswood Road	<p>Small increase in traffic and parking demands</p> <p>New housing</p> <p>Demand in broadband and communication services.</p> <p>Light pollution</p> <p>Non physical disturbance</p> <p>Increase in energy use</p>	rise to likely significant effects.		adverse impacts, and the inclusion of additional policy wording in the NDP. This site has been identified in direct response to the proportional growth target within that policy and its development, either in isolation or in tandem with the other proposed site allocations, would not exceed the Local Plan's requirements.	<p>to have a significant impact on the SAC .</p> <p>Impact towards the River Wye SAC can be further determined on a case by case basis at planning application stage.</p>
K18 Land East of Hereford Road, A4111	<p>Increase in water usage, abstraction and sewage treatment</p> <p>Small increase in traffic and parking demands</p> <p>New housing</p> <p>Demand in broadband and communication services.</p> <p>Light pollution</p> <p>Non physical disturbance</p> <p>Increase in energy use</p>	No: the scale of development proposed would not give rise to likely significant effects.	River Wye SAC.	There are sufficient safeguards within other policies to avoid any adverse impacts, and the inclusion of additional policy wording in the NDP. This site has been identified in direct response to the proportional growth target within that policy and its development, either in isolation or in tandem with the other proposed site allocations, would not exceed the Local Plan's requirements.	<p>No. The scale and extent of development on this site is unlikely to have a significant impact on the SAC .</p> <p>Impact towards the River Wye SAC can be further determined on a case by case basis at planning application stage.</p>
K19 Land West of	Increase in water usage,	No: the scale of	River Wye SAC.	There are sufficient	No. The scale and

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Hereford Road, A4111	<p>abstraction and sewage treatment</p> <p>Small increase in traffic and parking demands</p> <p>New housing</p> <p>Demand in broadband and communication services.</p> <p>Light pollution</p> <p>Non physical disturbance</p> <p>Increase in energy use</p>	<p>development proposed would not give rise to likely significant effects.</p>		<p>safeguards within other policies to avoid any adverse impacts, and the inclusion of additional policy wording in the NDP. This site has been identified in direct response to the proportional growth target within that policy and its development, either in isolation or in tandem with the other proposed site allocations, would not exceed the Local Plan's requirements.</p>	<p>extent of development on this site is unlikely to have a significant impact on the SAC .</p> <p>Impact towards the River Wye SAC can be further determined on a case by case basis at planning application stage.</p>
<p>K20 Land to the East of Hergest Road (2 dwellings)</p> <p>Selected</p>	<p>Increase in water usage, abstraction and sewage treatment</p> <p>Small increase in traffic and parking demands</p> <p>New housing</p> <p>Demand in broadband and communication services.</p> <p>Light pollution</p> <p>Non physical disturbance</p> <p>Increase in energy use</p>	<p>Due to the scale and proximity of the location to the SAC site it is unlikely that there will be significant effects on the European Site.</p>	<p>River Wye SAC.</p>	<p>There are sufficient safeguards within other policies to avoid any adverse impacts, and the inclusion of additional policy wording in the NDP. This site has been identified in direct response to the proportional growth target within that policy and its development, either in isolation or in tandem with the other proposed site allocations, would not exceed the Local</p>	<p>No. The scale and extent of development on this site is unlikely to have a significant impact on the SAC .</p> <p>Impact towards the River Wye SAC can be further determined on a case by case basis at planning application stage.</p>

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				Plan's requirements.	
KR1 Land north of Arrow View, Hergest	<p>Increase in water usage, abstraction and sewage treatment</p> <p>Small increase in traffic and parking demands</p> <p>New housing</p> <p>Demand in broadband and communication services.</p> <p>Light pollution</p> <p>Non physical disturbance</p> <p>Increase in energy use</p>	No: the scale of development proposed would not give rise to likely significant effects.	River Wye SAC.	There are sufficient safeguards within other policies to avoid any adverse impacts, and the inclusion of additional policy wording in the NDP. This site has been identified in direct response to the proportional growth target within that policy and its development, either in isolation or in tandem with the other proposed site allocations, would not exceed the Local Plan's requirements.	<p>No. The scale and extent of development on this site is unlikely to have a significant impact on the SAC .</p> <p>Impact towards the River Wye SAC can be further determined on a case by case basis at planning application stage.</p>
KR2 Land south of Hergest	<p>Increase in water usage, abstraction and sewage treatment</p> <p>Small increase in traffic and parking demands</p> <p>New housing</p> <p>Demand in broadband and communication services.</p> <p>Light pollution</p>	No: the scale of development proposed would not give rise to likely significant effects.	River Wye SAC.	This site is in close proximity to neighbouring turkey farm. Non physical pollution may impact potential residents.	<p>No. The scale and extent of development on this site is unlikely to have a significant impact on the SAC .</p> <p>Impact towards the River Wye SAC can be further determined on a case by case basis at planning application stage.</p>

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	<p>Non physical disturbance</p> <p>Increase in energy use</p>				
<p>KR3 Land south of Arrow View, Hergest</p>	<p>Increase in water usage, abstraction and sewage treatment</p> <p>Small increase in traffic and parking demands</p> <p>New housing</p> <p>Demand in broadband and communication services.</p> <p>Light pollution</p> <p>Non physical disturbance</p> <p>Increase in energy use</p>	<p>No: the scale of development proposed would not give rise to likely significant effects.</p>	<p>River Wye SAC.</p>	<p>There are sufficient safeguards within other policies to avoid any adverse impacts, and the inclusion of additional policy wording in the NDP.</p> <p>This site is in close proximity to neighbouring turkey farm. Non physical pollution may impact potential residents.</p>	<p>No. The scale and extent of development on this site is unlikely to have a significant impact on the SAC .</p> <p>Impact towards the River Wye SAC can be further determined on a case by case basis at planning application stage.</p>

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Table 1: HRA Screening of Emerging Neighbourhood Development Plan Objectives and Policies

Parish Council Name: Kington town, Kington rural and Huntington Group

NDP Title: Kington Area Draft Plan

Date undertaken: May 2017

Core Strategy HRA version: Adopted Core Strategy version

NDP objectives, options policies	HRA Screening of Emerging NDP objectives, options and policies				
	Likely activities (operations) to result as a consequence of the objective/option/policy	Likely effect if objective/option/policy implemented. Could they have Likely Significant Effects (LSE) on European Sites? (Yes/No, with reasons)	European Sites potentially affected	Mitigation measures to be considered, as necessary, through redraft of objective/policy and to be considered as part of Appropriate Assessment	Could the policy have likely significant effects on European sites (taking mitigation into account?)
KANDP1 To protect and enhance the local natural environment for the benefit of future generations- air and water quality, green and open spaces, woodland and hedgerows, wildlife, footpaths and cycleways, and views.	This objective seeks to safeguard and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity within Kington area, which strives to improve footpaths and cycleways.	No likely significant effect on the River Wye SAC	River Wye SAC (Including Lugg)	None. This objective is a mitigation measure in itself.	No, this objective aims to protect the enhance biodiversity and geodiversity ensuring aggregate levels are maintained.
KANDP 2 To protect and enhance the local built environment through well designed, sustainable buildings which take account of its setting and building traditions and minimise light pollution ensuring protection of the 'Dark Skies'	Protect and enhance the existing local and built environment. This strives to minimise light pollution.	No likely significant effect on the River Wye SAC	River Wye SAC (Including Lugg)	None. This objective is a mitigation measure in itself.	No, this objective aims to protect the existing natural environment, enhancing landscape within the Parish.
KANDP 3 To provide managed housing growth within the NDP area to	Objective to support the delivery of proportionate	This is dependent on where location, scale and	River Wye SAC	Policy criteria will need to include proximity of the	No, this objective aims to identify housing

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meet the requirements of the Core Strategy which includes a range of housing to meet the needs of local people, that is well designed, of a sustainable construction and is located to ensure protection of the rural character of the area.	growth in line with the Local Plan (Core Strategy) Policy RA1/RA2.	nature of the sites. This can be determined further at site allocation stage.	(Including Lugg)	River Wye SAC. Mitigation measures are likely to be included within the policies of the plan.	land allocations. Further policy safeguard and criteria will be included within the policies of the plan.
KANDP 4 To deliver the highest standard of design that will respect the scale, style and setting of the historic townscape and the rural landscape	Objective to support sustainable and appropriate development in line with policies SS1 and SD1.	No likely significant effect on the River Wye SAC	River Wye SAC (Including Lugg)	None as this objective is a mitigation measure in itself.	No. This objective will not lead to development but sets sustainable development criteria.
KANDP 5 To protect and enhance the role and function of Kington Town as a service centre for its rural hinterland	Objectives protect services within Kington Town, and its function as a service centre.	No likely significant effect on the River Wye SAC	River Wye SAC (Including Lugg)	None.	No. This objective aims to maintain Kington town as a service hub for its rural hinterland.
KANDP 6 To reduce the impact of traffic in Kington High Street, make it more pedestrian friendly with safer routes and improved connectivity for cyclists and pedestrians	This objective strives to reduce vehicle impact on Kington high street and promote and introduce safe routes for pedestrians and cyclists.	No likely significant effect on the River Wye SAC	River Wye SAC (Including Lugg)	None	No. This objective promotes safe routes for non-vehicular users and encourages to reduce traffic within Kington Town.
KANDP 7 To promote Kington and its hinterland as a location which promotes small businesses, supports farming and its diversification and encourages young members of the community to seek employment locally	Local jobs growth. Encourage local people to work closer to their work. Plan attracts employment opportunities in the rural	No likely significant effect on the River Wye SAC	River Wye SAC (Including Lugg)	None	No. Further policy safeguard and criteria will be included within the policies of the plan.

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and remain in the Parish.	area.				
KANDP 8 To manage development of large scale farming units/ polytunnels to ensure protection of the local environment.	Effectively manage poly tunnels, ensuring they are not out of character or impact the local environment.	No likely significant effect on the River Wye SAC	River Wye SAC (Including Lugg)	None.	No. This objective seeks to minimise impact of poly-tunnels on the local environment.
KANDP 9 To support sustainable green tourism through small scale tourism developments and provision of suitable tourism accommodation	Small scale development of sustainable tourism.	No likely significant effect on the River Wye SAC	River Wye SAC (Including Lugg)	Policy criteria will need to include proximity of the River Wye SAC. Mitigation measures are likely to be included within the policies of the plan.	No. This objective supports sustainable tourism through small scale development.
KANDP 10 To ensure important green spaces are designated as local green spaces	Protect and enhance natural greenspaces within Kington area.	No likely significant effect on the River Wye SAC	River Wye SAC (Including Lugg)	None	No, this objective aims to protect green spaces identified as significant to the local area. Ensuring there is no
KANDP 11 To develop and enhance the green infrastructure provision in Kington linking the Town to the countryside beyond.	This objective seeks to safeguard and enhance biodiversity and green infrastructure within Kington Area.	No likely significant effect on the River Wye SAC	River Wye SAC (Including Lugg)	None. This objective is a mitigation measure in itself.	No, this objective aims to protect the enhance biodiversity and green infrastructure linking from the town to countryside.
KANDP 12 To improve local infrastructure including broadband and mobile phone coverage across the	Enhance broadband speeds and mobile reception within Kington	No likely significant effect on the River Wye SAC	River Wye SAC (Including Lugg)	None	No. This objective seeks to enhance communication

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entire parish to assist local businesses and residents	Area.				networks throughout the area.
KANDP 13 To ensure that development proposals take full account of the potential for flooding and management of surface water through alleviation measures so that new development does not exacerbate the likelihood of flooding on surrounding land.	This objective will protect development against flooding by minimising flood risk.	No likely significant effect on the River Wye SAC	River Wye SAC (Including Lugg)	None as this objective is a mitigation measure in itself.	No, this objective is seeking to safeguard Development against flooding.
KANDP 14 To encourage and enhance the use of all community facilities in order that they continue to thrive and cater for the needs of all age groups.	Safeguard and maintain community facilities enhancing services and facilities within the plan period.	No likely significant effect on the River Wye SAC	River Wye SAC (Including Lugg)	None.	No. This objective seeks to protect and enhance existing community facilities and services which it provides.
KANDP 15 To provide support for small scale renewable energy opportunities linked to individual developments for private use.	Encourage suitable renewable energy proposals within Kington area on an individual scale.	No likely significant effect on the River Wye SAC	River Wye SAC (Including Lugg)	None.	No, this objective seeks to encourage appropriate scale renewable schemes.
KANP ENV 1: A Valued Natural Environment	Environment is safeguarded against in appropriate development.	No likely significant effect on the River Wye SAC	River Wye SAC (Including Lugg)	This policy will act as a mitigation itself, and help alleviate any potential environmental threat caused from new development.	No. This policy itself will not directly lead to development, instead strives to safeguard the existing natural environment.

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KANP ENV 2: Dark Skies	Light pollution reduction.	No likely significant effect on the River Wye SAC	River Wye SAC (Including Lugg)	This policy will help mitigate impact caused by development, and help to reduce light pollution in the Kington area at night.	No. This policy will not directly lead to development but strives to improve light pollution and improve natural environment.
KANP ENV 3: A Valued Built Environment	Policy to support sustainable development within Kington area. Promote high standard of building design.	No likely significant effect on the River Wye SAC	River Wye SAC (Including Lugg)	None. This policy acts as a mitigation measure to ensure developments to be fitting for its context and to promote sustainable methods of energy use and waste disposal.	No. This policy ensures all development strives to be sustainable in terms of setting, building design, construction and operation
KANP SB1: Settlement Boundary	Housing infill promoted Sustainable development encouraged within the identified settlements. Increased vehicle traffic Increased demand for water abstraction and sewage treatment Sustainable housing growth	Increase of vehicular movement and demand for water abstraction and treatment. Physical damage of disturbance on a localised scale. Non-physical disturbance such as noise. Depending on location could be physical disturbance.	River Wye SAC (Including Lugg)	Good practice construction techniques include noise suppression measures; hours of operation may help to mitigate potential adverse effects during construction. Measures within Core Strategy policy SD1 should help to mitigate potential impacts relating to non-physical disturbances.	No. There are sufficient policy safeguards within the Core Strategy and NDP to safeguard and where necessary mitigate detrimental impact caused from development towards the SAC.

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<p>KANP H1: Housing Delivery Kington Town</p>	<p>Allocation of 10 sites identified to provide around 168 dwellings.</p> <p>Promotion of achieving housing target.</p> <p>Increased vehicle traffic</p> <p>Increased demand for water abstraction and sewage treatment</p> <p>Sustainable housing growth</p>	<p>Housing, infrastructure development</p> <p>Possible increase in recreation activities, vehicular movements and demand for water abstraction and treatment. Physical damage of disturbance on a localised scale.</p> <p>Non-physical disturbance such as noise.</p>	<p>River Wye SAC (Including Lugg)</p>	<p>Improved water efficiency measures, metering and addressing leakages in supply may help to mitigate any additional pressure placed on the water supply as a result of new developments.</p> <p>The implementation of the Core Strategy policies SD3 and SD4 should help to avoid adverse impacts in relation to hydrological regimes at the River Wye. Water quality in the River Wye SAC is also specifically addressed through the Nutrient Management Plan produced by Natural England and the Environment Agency.</p>	<p>No: this policy would allow for housing schemes and supports the Core Strategy Policy KG1, RA1 and RA2. There are additional policy criteria in place in both the Core Strategy and the Neighbourhood Plan to avoid or mitigate any likely significant effects towards the SAC.</p> <p>DCWW can confirm further that there is sufficient headroom within the STWs serving Kington to meet the further level of growth, without having an impact on the River Wye SAC.</p>
<p>KANP H2: Housing Delivery Land South of Kington</p>	<p>Housing sites identified to accommodate 100 dwellings.</p> <p>Promotion of achieving housing target.</p> <p>Increased vehicle traffic</p>	<p>Housing, infrastructure development</p> <p>Possible increase in recreation activities, vehicular movements and demand for water abstraction and treatment. Physical</p>	<p>River Wye SAC (Including Lugg)</p>	<p>Improved water efficiency measures, metering and addressing leakages in supply may help to mitigate any additional pressure placed on the water supply as a result of new</p>	<p>No: this policy would allow for a specific housing scheme to the south of Kington and supports the Core Strategy Policy KG1, RA1 and RA2 .There are</p>

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	<p>Increased demand for water abstraction and sewage treatment</p> <p>Sustainable housing growth</p>	<p>damage of disturbance on a localised scale.</p> <p>Non-physical disturbance such as noise.</p>		<p>developments.</p> <p>The implementation of the Core Strategy policies SD3 and SD4 should help to avoid adverse impacts in relation to hydrological regimes at the River Wye. Water quality in the River Wye SAC is also specifically addressed through the Nutrient Management Plan produced by Natural England and the Environment Agency.</p>	<p>additional policy criteria in place in both the Core Strategy and the Neighbourhood Plan to avoid or mitigate any likely significant effects towards the SAC.</p> <p>DCWW can confirm further that there is sufficient headroom within the STWs serving Kington to meet the further level of growth, without having an impact on the River Wye SAC.</p>
<p>KANP H3: Housing Delivery Hergest</p>	<p>Housing sites of up to 15 dwellings identified.</p> <p>Promotion of achieving housing target.</p> <p>Increased vehicle traffic</p> <p>Increased demand for water abstraction and sewage treatment</p> <p>Sustainable housing growth</p>	<p>Housing, infrastructure development</p> <p>Possible increase in recreation activities, vehicular movements and demand for water abstraction and treatment.</p> <p>Physical damage of disturbance on a localised scale.</p> <p>Non-physical disturbance such as noise.</p>	<p>River Wye SAC (Including Lugg)</p>	<p>Improved water efficiency measures, metering and addressing leakages in supply may help to mitigate any additional pressure placed on the water supply as a result of new developments.</p>	<p>No: this policy would allow for small scale development and supports the Core Strategy RA1 and RA2</p> <p>There are additional policy criteria in place in both the Core Strategy and the Neighbourhood Plan to avoid or mitigate any likely significant effects</p>

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					towards the SAC.
Policy KANP H4 Housing Delivery: Rural Areas	Limited development within the rural area. Small increase in water usage and energy consumption and traffic.	Physical damage of disturbance on a localised scale. Non-physical disturbance such as noise.	River Wye SAC (Including Lugg)	Improved water efficiency measures, metering and addressing leakages in supply may help to mitigate any additional pressure placed on the water supply as a result of new developments.	No: this policy would allow for limited development and supports the Core Strategy RA3. The scale and extent of proposals are minimal therefore unlikely to cause significant effects towards the SAC.
KANP H5: Housing Design Criteria	Policy to support sustainable development within Kington Area. Promote high standard of building design.	No significant effect upon the River Wye	River Wye SAC (Including Lugg)	None. This policy acts as a mitigation measure to ensure developments to be fitting for its context and to promote sustainable methods of energy use and waste disposal.	No. This policy ensures all development strives to be sustainable in terms of setting, building design, construction and operation.
KANP E1: A Thriving Rural Employment	Job creation within rural areas and on industrial sites. Better use of land at Hatton gardens, Kington and Arrow view industrial estate. Increase in energy use	Physical damage of disturbance on a localised scale. Non-physical disturbance such as noise.	River Wye SAC (Including Lugg)	Improved water efficiency measures, metering and addressing leakages in supply may help to mitigate any additional pressure placed on the water supply as a result of new developments.	No. The policy ensures there are local employment opportunities providing they do not have a detrimental impact to the surrounding context.

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	and water abstraction. Promotion of safer non-vehicular modes of transport.				
KANP KTC 1: Kington Town Centre	Promotion of development within Kington town centre. Increase in energy use and water abstraction. Increase in movement. Potential increase in transport usage.	No significant effect upon the River Wye	River Wye SAC (Including Lugg)	Policies within the Core Strategy and Kington Area NDP will help to mitigate and alleviate effects caused by development within Kington Town Centre.	No. The policy encourages development within Kington Town centre to enhance and promote the primary town centre. With the caveat development will not have a detrimental impact to the surrounding context.
KANP T1: Sustainable Tourism	New development for small scale tourist accommodation. Potential increase in transport usage. Small increase in energy use and water abstraction.	No significant effect upon the River Wye	River Wye SAC (Including Lugg)	This policy ensures there is a justified need for proposed development and ensures there is no detrimental impact on the surrounding and environment.	No. This policy encourages tourism development. This policy criteria safeguards against detrimental environmental effects.
KANP INF1: Local Infrastructure	Support and strengthen existing broadband and mobile reception provision. Potential development of	None identified.	River Wye SAC (Including Lugg)	None, mitigate measure are included within the Core Strategy. Faster broadband speeds may provide	No. This policy will ensure communications infrastructure is strengthened for community use. Faster

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	<p>masts and electrical units.</p> <p>Strengthen Broadband infrastructure</p> <p>Increase in home working, reduction in private car usage.</p> <p>Potential for a small reduction in air pollution</p>			<p>work from home opportunities, thereby reducing the need to travel.</p>	<p>broadband speeds and better mobile reception may provide work from home opportunities, thereby reducing the need to travel.</p>
KANP LGS1: Local Green Spaces	<p>Safeguard of Local Green spaces.</p> <p>Increase in recreation activities use.</p> <p>Increase in outdoor activities.</p>	None identified.	River Wye SAC (Including Lugg)	None. This policy acts as a mitigation measure to ensure greenspace is safeguarded against inappropriate development.	No. This policy will not lead to development but ensures open spaces; green space and recreation spaces are enhanced and protected.
KANP G1: Green Infrastructure	<p>Protection of Biodiversity.</p> <p>More protection to designated sites, protected sites, locally important habitats and specie and trees, flora and fauna.</p> <p>Safeguard existing landscape against inappropriate</p>	None identified.	River Wye SAC (Including Lugg)	None. This policy acts as a mitigation measure to ensure protection of biodiversity within the Parish.	<p>No. policy ensures existing biodiversity is protected against inappropriate development.</p> <p>There are sufficient policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy to help avoid or mitigate any likely significant effects on the River Wye</p>

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	<p>development.</p> <p>Encouragement of sustainable development which preserves and protects the landscape, environment and habitats.</p>				SAC.
KANP CF1: Community Facilities	<p>Community facility development.</p> <p>Safeguard community facilities.</p> <p>Community benefit.</p> <p>Increase in recreation and community events.</p>	<p>Increase of vehicular movement and demand for water abstraction and treatment.</p> <p>Physical damage of disturbance on a localised scale.</p> <p>Non-physical disturbance such as noise.</p>	River Wye SAC (Including Lugg)	<p>Improved water efficiency measures, metering and addressing leakages in the supply may help to mitigate any additional pressures on the water supply as a result of new development. Measures within Policy SD1 of the Local Plan (Core Strategy) should help to mitigate potential impacts relating to non-physical disturbances</p> <p>Ensure sustainable transport measures are considered during the construction phases of the development.</p>	No, although this policy could result in the re development of new community facilities or the loss of existing provision to new uses. However, sufficient policy safeguards are in place within the Local Plan (Core Strategy) and with the inclusion of additional wording in the Kington Area NDP policy to avoid or mitigate any likely significant effects on the River Wye.

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**Initial Habitat Regulations Assessment and Strategic Environmental
Assessment Screening Notification**

The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulation 2012 (Reg. 32)

Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 (d)

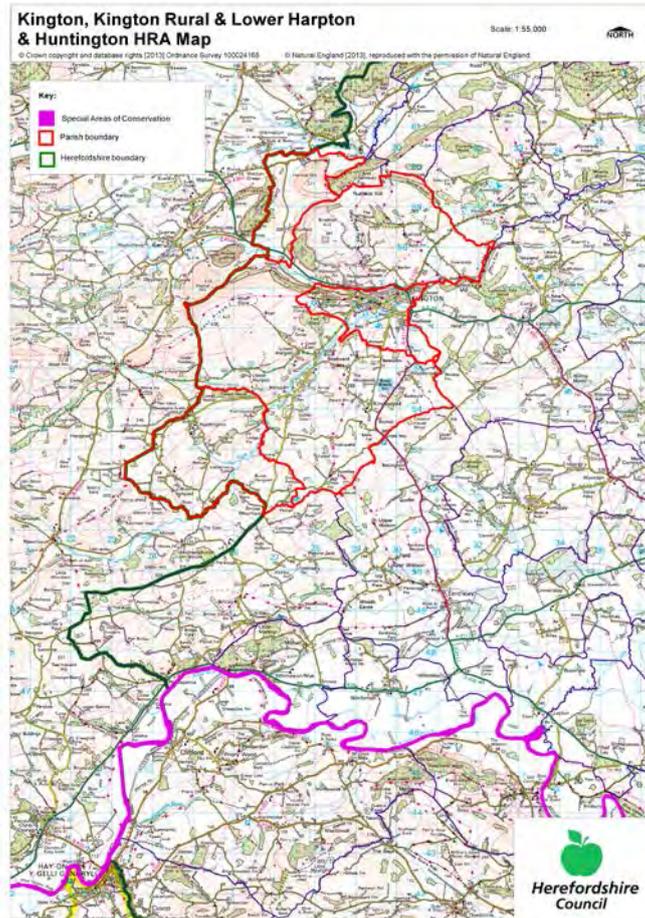
Neighbourhood Area:	Kington, Kington Rural & Huntington Neighbourhood Area
Parish Council:	Kington Town Council, Huntington Parish Council, Kington Rural & Lower Harpton Parish Council
Neighbourhood Area Designation Date:	11/11/2013

Introduction

This Initial Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) and Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Screening has been undertaken to assess whether any European Sites exist within or in proximity to the Neighbourhood Area which could be affected by any future proposals or policies.

Through continual engagement the outcomes of any required assessments will help to ensure that proposed developments will not lead to Likely Significant Effects upon a European Site or cause adverse impacts upon other environmental assets, such as the built historic or local natural environment.

**HRA Initial Screening: Map showing relationship of Neighbourhood Area with European Sites
(not to scale)**



Initial HRA Screening

River Wye (including the River Lugg) SAC:

Does the Neighbourhood Area have the River Wye (including the River Lugg) in or next to its boundary?	N	The River Lugg SAC is 3.9km away from the Parishes
Is the Neighbourhood Area in the hydrological catchment of the River Wye (including the River Lugg) SAC?	Y	The Parishes are within the hydrological catchment of the River Arrow
If yes above, does the Neighbourhood Area have mains drainage to deal with foul sewage?	Y	There is mains drainage at Kington

Downton Gorge SAC:

Is the Neighbourhood Area within 10km of Downton Gorge SAC?	N	Downton Gorge is 18.1km away from the Parishes
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River Clun SAC:

Does the Neighbourhood Area include: Border Group Parish Council or Leintwardine Group Parish Council?	N	River Clun does not border the Parishes
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Usk Bat Sites SAC:

Is the Neighbourhood Area within 10km of the SAC boundary?	N	Usk Bat Sites are 35.5km away from the Parishes
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Wye Valley & Forest of Dean Bat Sites SAC:

Is the Neighbourhood Area within 10km of any of the individual sites that make up the Wye Valley & Forest of Dean Bat Sites?	N	The Parishes are 49.6km away from Wye Valley and Forest of Dean Bat Sites
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Wye Valley Woodlands SAC:

Is the Neighbourhood Area within 10km of any of the individual sites that make up the Wye Valley Woodlands Site?	N	The Parishes are 46.3km away from the Wye Valley Woodlands
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HRA Conclusion:

The assessment above highlights that the following European Sites will need to be taken into account in the future Neighbourhood Development Plan for the Kington, Kington Rural & Lower Harpton Group and Huntington Neighbourhood Area and a Full HRA Screening will be required.

European Site

(List only those which are relevant from above)

River Wye (including the River Lugg) SAC

Strategic Environmental Assessment Initial Screening for nature conservation landscape and heritage features

The following environmental features are within or in general proximity to the Kington, Kington Rural & Lower Harpton Group and Huntington Neighbourhood Area and would need to be taken into account within a Strategic Environmental Assessment. In addition, the NDP will also need to consider the other SEA topics set out in Guidance Note 9a to ensure that the plan does not cause adverse impacts.

SEA features	Total	Explanation	SEA required
Air Quality Management Areas	0	There are no AQMAs within the Parishes	N
Ancient Woodland	20	Kennel Wood; Lyonshall Park Wood (border); Piers Grove Wood (border); Penrhos Wood (border); Ox Pasture and Green Wood (border); Park Wood; Yeld Wood; Bradnor Wood; Holywell Wood; Landlords Wood; Forest Wood; Hell Wood; Fernhall Wood (border); Elsdon Wood (border); Birches Coppice (border); Upper Welson Wood (border); 1 x unlabelled east of Vestry Farm; 1 x unlabelled at Navages Wood; 1 x unlabelled at Knill Garraway; 1 x unlabelled at The Bower	Y
Areas of Archaeological Interest	0	There are no AAIs within the Parishes	N
Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty	0	There are no AONBs within the Parishes	N
Conservation Areas	1	Kington	Y
European Sites	0	There are no SACs within the Parishes	N
Flood Areas		Flood Zones 2 & 3 follow the River Arrow and Gladestry Brook as well as a stream in the very north of Lower Harpton Parish and a stream/brook off the River Arrow which flows through Kington, Kington Rural and Lower Harpton Parishes	Y
Listed Buildings	Numerous	There are numerous Listed Buildings throughout the Parishes	Y
Local Sites (SWS/SINCs/RIGS)	51 (SWS)	Land at Lower Harpton; Herrock Hill; Bradnor Hill & Holywell Wood; Pond at Knill (border); Hindwell Brook (border); Little Brampton & Scar (border); Tinkers Wood; Rushock Common; Land at Rushock Farm; Pools near Titley (border); Pool near Shawl Farm (border); Land near Hunton Bridge (border); Disused railway, Kington to Leominster; Land at Floodgates; Land at Rhue Ville; Hergest Ridge; Park Wood; Lyonshall Park Wood (border); Land at Mill Farm; Piers Grove Wood and adjoining field; Land at Rodds Farm x3; Rodds, Penrhos, Ox Pasture & Green Woods; Land at Millbank Wood x2; Land	Y

		at Beward; Pond near Hergest Court; Castle Twts; land near Lower Way Farm; Land at Lilwall Farm x2; Fields at Pound Farm; Fields at Birches Farm; Land at Chickward x 3; Old Marl Pit; River Arrow; Marsh near Burnt Hengoed; Land at Lodge Farm x2; Hell Wood; Land near Park Stile Mill; Huntington Churchyard and Environs; Gladestry Brook; Land near Bank Farm x4; Land near Lower Rabber	
Long distance footpaths/trails	4	Herefordshire Trail; Offas Dyke; Vaughans Way; Mortimer Trail	Y
Mineral Reserves	0	There are no Mineral Reserve Sites within the Parishes	N
National Nature Reserve	0	There are no NNRs within the Parishes	N
Registered & Unregistered parks and gardens	3 Registered 10 Unregistered	Registered: Hergest Croft; Eywood (border); Nieuport (Newport) (border) Unregistered: Huntington Park, Kington; Huntington Court, Kington; Ridgebourne; Lyonshall Park (border); Titley Court (border); Castle Weir (border); The Whittern (border); Lynhales (border); Elsdon (border); Lomore (border)	Y
Scheduled Ancient Monuments	14	Huntington Castle; Turret Castle; Turret Tump; Mound north of Cwmma Farm; The Camp earthwork; Castle Twts; Mound south of Woodbrook; Churchyard cross in St Mary the Virgin Churchyard; Mound 150yds (140m) north of the church; Offas Dyke: Section south of Riddings brook on Herrock Hill x2; Churchyard Cross in St Michaels Churchyard; Offas Dyke: Rushock Hill section, extending 1630yds (1490m) east of Kennel Wood; Offas Dyke: The section extending 300yds (270m) crossing the railway (border)	Y
Sites of Special Scientific Interest	5	Bradnor Hill Quarry (Favourable); Quebb Meadow (Unfavourable Recovering) (border); Upper Welson Marsh (Unfavourable Recovering) (border); Bushy Hazels & Cwmma Moors (Favourable) (border); Flintsham & Titley Pools (Favourable) (border)	Y

Decision Notification:

The initial screening highlights that the Neighbourhood Development Plan for the Kington, Kington Rural & Lower Harpton Group and Huntington Neighbourhood Area:

- a) Will require further environmental assessment for Habitat Regulations Assessment and Strategic Environmental Assessment.

Assessment date: 15/10/2013

Assessed by: James Latham

Appendix 1: European Sites

The table below provides the name of each European Site, which has been screened in for the purposes of neighbourhood planning in Herefordshire; includes their site features of integrity; and vulnerability data. This is based on the sites individual features of integrity and their vulnerabilities, which could include distance criteria. This has been used in identifying which parishes are likely to require a full HRA Screening of their future Neighbourhood Development Plan, to establish if their plan might have Likely Significant Effects on a European Site.

Downton Gorge
Site Features: <i>Tilio-Acerion</i> forests of slopes, screes and ravines
Vulnerability data: 10km for air quality associated with poultry units or other intensive agricultural practices.
River Clun
Site Features: Freshwater pearl mussel <i>Margaritifera margaritifera</i>
Vulnerability data: Water quality is important to maintain the site feature. Parishes either side of the River Clun will be affected.
River Wye
Site Features: Water courses of plain to montane levels with the <i>Ranunculion fluitantis</i> and <i>Callitricho-Batrachion</i> vegetation. Transition mires and quaking bogs. White-clawed (or Atlantic Stream) crayfish <i>Austropotamobius pallipes</i> . Sea lamprey <i>Petromyzon marinus</i> . Brook lamprey <i>Lampetra planeri</i> . River lamprey <i>Lampetra fluviatilis</i> . Twaite shad <i>Alosa fallax</i> . Atlantic salmon <i>Salmo salar</i> . Bullhead <i>Cottus gobio</i> . Otter <i>Lutra lutra</i> . Allis shad <i>Alosa alosa</i>
Vulnerability data: Proximity: Developments should not be within 100m of the designated bank. Some developments beyond 100m may also have impacts based on proximity and these issues should be addressed where possible when developing NDP policy and choosing site allocations. Water Quality: Within the whole catchment of the River Wye, which includes the River Lugg, mains drainage issues with regards to water quality are being resolved through the Core Strategy / Local Plan and development of a Nutrient Management Plan. Welsh Water should be consulted to ensure that the proposed growth will be within the limit of their consents. Otters: "An otter will occupy a 'home range', which on fresh waters usually includes a stretch of river as well as associated tributary streams, ditches, ponds, lakes and woodland. The size of a home range depends largely on the availability of food and shelter, and the presence of neighbouring otters. On rivers, a male's home range may be up to 40km or more of watercourse and associated areas; females have smaller ranges (roughly half the size) and favour quieter locations for breeding, such as tributary streams. Otters without an established home range are known as 'transients'. They are mostly juveniles looking for a territory of their own, or adults that have been pushed out of their territories. Transient otters may use an area for a short while, but they will move on if conditions are not suitable or if they are driven away by resident otters. Transients will have been important in extending the range of otters, but they are very difficult to identify from field signs. Within a home range an otter may use many resting sites. These include above-ground shelters, such as stands of scrub or areas of rank grass, and underground 'holts' – for example, cavities under tree roots and dry drainage pipes." (Source: EA website: http://www.environmentagency.gov.uk/static/documents/Business/Otters_the_facts.pdf accessed 09/04/2013)

Usk Bat Site

Site Features: Annex I habitats present as a qualifying feature, but not a primary reason for site selection: European dry heaths, Degraded raised bogs still capable of natural regeneration, Blanket bogs, Calcareous rocky slopes with chasmophytic vegetation, Caves not open to the public, *Tilio-Acerion* forests of slopes, screes and ravines. Annex II species of primary reason for site selection: Lesser horseshoe bat *Rhinolophus hipposideros*, UK population 5%, although it is suggested this is an underestimate.

Vulnerability data: Lesser Horseshoe bats are known to migrate between 5km and 10km between their summer and winter roosts. The Lesser Horseshoe Bat is vulnerable to disturbance; light pollution; and habitat loss. Check with the planning ecologist for other issues.

Wye Valley and Forest of Dean Bat Sites

Site Features: Annex II species that are a primary reason for site selection: Lesser horseshoe bat *Rhinolophus hipposideros*. Greater horseshoe bat *Rhinolophus ferrumequinum*

Vulnerability data: Lesser Horseshoe bats are known to migrate between 5km and 10km between their summer and winter roosts. The Lesser Horseshoe Bat is vulnerable to disturbance; light pollution; and habitat loss. Check with the planning ecologist for other issues.

Greater Horseshoe bats are known to migrate between 20-30km between their summer and winter roosts.

NDPs closest to the European Site will need to consider:

Woodland habitat buffer.

Lesser Horseshoe Bat: Old buildings; woodland locations; sheltered valleys, extensive deciduous woods or dense scrub, close to roost sites. In areas of fragmented habitats, linear habitats such as hedgerows are important corridors. Vulnerable to loss or disturbance of both summer and winter roosts and removal of linear habitat.

Greater Horseshoe Bat: Large buildings, pasture, edge of mixed deciduous woodland and hedgerows. Mixed land-use especially south-facing slopes, favours beetles, moths and insects they feed on. During the winter they depend on caves, abandoned mines and other underground sites for undisturbed hibernation. A system/series of sites required. Vulnerable to loss of insect food supply, due to insecticide use, changing farming practices and loss of broad-leaved tree-cover and loss / disturbance of underground roosts sites.

Wye Valley Woodlands

Site Features: Annex I habitats that are a primary reason for site selection: Beech forests *Asperulo-Fagetum*, *Tilio-Acerion* forests of slopes, screes and ravines, *Taxus baccata* woods of the British Isles. Annex II species present as a qualifying feature, but not a primary reason for site selection: Lesser horseshoe bat *Rhinolophus hipposideros*, 51-100 residents

Vulnerability data: Lesser Horseshoe bats are known to migrate between 5km and 10km between their summer and winter roosts. The Lesser Horseshoe Bat is vulnerable to disturbance; light pollution; and habitat loss. Check with the planning ecologist for other issues. NDPs closest to the European Site will need to consider: Woodland habitat buffer. Lesser Horseshoe Bat: Old buildings; woodland locations; sheltered valleys, extensive deciduous woods or dense scrub, close to roost sites. In areas of fragmented habitats, linear habitats such as hedgerows are important corridors. Vulnerable to loss or disturbance of both summer and winter roosts and removal of linear habitat.

Appendix 2: Wye Catchment Map

