

**Draft Winchester District Local Plan Part 2****Updated Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) (2015)****(Update to Habitat Regulations Assessment Scoping Report Summary)**

Extract from Chapter 6. Draft SA of the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan Part 2. Enfusion (2015).

- 6.65 The proposed changes, deletions and additions from the Draft LPP2 to the Pre-Submission LPP2 were also subject to HRA screening to determine whether they would significantly affect the findings of the HRA carried out in 2014 (<http://www.winchester.gov.uk/planning-policy/sustainability-appraisals/sa-hra-lpp2/>). A change was considered significant if it substantially altered the Plan and/or was likely to give rise to significant effects on any European sites.
- 6.66 The HRA screening determined that the new Policy SHUA5 does not propose the delivery of the Botley Bypass, only the safeguarding of land for its construction if necessary, as it is a long term aspiration of both Hampshire County Council and Eastleigh Borough Council. The safeguarded route is located approximately 700m from the Solent Maritime SAC, Solent & Southampton Water Ramsar Site, and Solent & Southampton Water SPA. The development of the bypass therefore has the potential for likely significant effects on the European sites; however, it is likely that there is suitable mitigation available to address them.
- 6.67 As the Plan is currently only safeguarding the land for the future, the screening considered that the addition of Policy SHUA5 does not significantly affects the findings of the previous HRA work. If the policy was amended in the future to propose the delivery of the bypass then further consideration would be needed through the HRA process. Any proposal for the development of the bypass would be subject project level HRA, which would ensure that there are no significant effects on the European sites.
- 6.68 Overall, the HRA screening found that the proposed changes, deletions and additions do not significantly affect the findings of the previous HRA work.