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1. Introduction

- 1.1 In 2016 AECOM undertook a Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) of the Runnymede Borough Council's Issues, Options and Preferred Approaches document to assess the potential of the Plan to result in Likely Significant Effects (LSEs) and adverse effects on protected European sites, including Special Protection Areas (SPAs), Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) and Ramsar sites. In 2017, changes to the Local Plan (hereafter referred to as the 'Plan' or 'Local Plan') were proposed, including the inclusion of new residential sites and opportunity areas, as well as amending existing residential sites. Therefore, an updated HRA was produced by AECOM in April 2018.
- 1.2 The HRA of the submitted Local Plan concluded that LSEs arising from development proposed in the Runnymede Local Plan on the Thames Basin Heaths SPA could not be excluded, primarily due to the likely impacts of recreational activities and air pollution. However, the Appropriate Assessment of the HRA confirmed that the Local Plan had sufficient policy mechanisms in place to mitigate adverse effects of recreational capacity, and particularly that there was likely to be sufficient SANG capacity to absorb the visitor pressure associated with new residential development. Further opportunities for SANG were being explored with Natural England at the time the HRA was completed and Runnymede Council submitted evidence to the Examination confirming the probable future SANG being explored. The HRA concluded that, taking account of the mitigation measures embedded in the Plan's policies, the Runnymede Local Plan would not result in adverse effects on the integrity of any European sites.
- 1.3 Following the Examination into the Local Plan, the Inspector has recommended a series of Main Modifications (MMs) to be made. It is a requirement under the Habitats Directive that these modifications need to be examined to confirm that they will not themselves introduce new LSEs that were not already investigated for the HRA of the submitted Local Plan. This report presents the HRA of the proposed MMs in tabular format.
- 1.4 Therefore, this report should be considered an Addendum to the HRA of the submitted Runnymede Local Plan. As such, it does not revisit the legal background, methodology, LSEs or Appropriate Assessment of the original HRA. Instead it focusses specifically on whether the Main Modifications in themselves will result in LSEs on any European sites. However, the main conclusions and recommendations may be referred to in the LSEs table if specific context is required from the previous assessment.
- 1.5 Furthermore, this HRA only assesses the Main Modifications that address policies or supporting text in the main body of the Local Plan. Changes to the glossary and the appendices have not been assessed on the basis that they are not part of the main formal document and will (by definition) not result in material effects on European sites.

2. Likely Significant Effects (LSEs) of Main Modifications

2.1 This section sets out the assessment of each Main Modification (MM). The changes to policy wording for each of the MMs are presented initially, including the MM reference number and details on the policy and / or paragraph numbers. The assessment of Likely Significant Effects (LSEs) is then presented in the last (colour-coded) column.

Table 1. Likely Significant Effects of Main Modifications.

Likely Significant Effects Ref. **Proposed Main Modification** Policy/ Number Para. No Likely Significant Effect of this MM MM1 The Section 2: Legislative and Planning Policy Context This change is to provide an updated National description on national planning The Government streamlined national planning policy with the adoption of the NPPF in March 2012. The 2012 Framework **Planning** policy. It has no direct implication on includes a set of national planning policies covering the economic, social and environmental aspects of development and Policy any European sites. these policies must be taken into account in preparing Local Plans, but the 2012 NPPF does not dictate how Plans should be Framework. written; rather, it provides a framework for producing distinctive Plans that meet local needs. The 'golden thread' running Para 2.9 through the document is the 'presumption in favour of sustainable development'. A public consultation on proposed revisions to the NPPF has recently closed. The intention expressed in paragraph 209 of the consultation draft of the NPPF however is that, 'The policies in the previous Framework will apply for the purpose of examining plans, where those plans are submitted on or before I I Ithis will be the date which is six months after the date of the final Framework's publication. In those cases the examination will take no account of the new Framework' A new NPPF was published in February 2019. Within the implementation chapter of this Framework it states at paragraph 214, 'The policies in the previous Framework published in March 2012 will apply for the purpose of examining plans, where those plans were submitted on or before 24 January 2019.' No Likely Significant Effect of this MM MM2 The Surrey Section 2: Legislative and Planning Policy Context - This change acknowledges that the Nature SNP works closely with Surrey Wildlife Partnership The Surrey Nature Partnership (SNP) is one of several Local Nature Partnerships which, after successful application by a group Trust. It also states that European Para 2.28 of local organisations, were recognised by DEFRA in August 2012. The SNP seeks to bring together expertise from all sectors, sites outside the Borough are including Local Planning Authorities, to ensure that the natural environment can continue to contribute to the economy, health considered. However, this has no and well-being of the County's communities. The SNP works closely with the Surrey Wildlife Trust, who manage protected implication for European sites as the areas outside of the borough. HRA of the submitted Local Plan already considered European sites outside the borough. No Likely Significant Effect of this MM MM3 Local Plan Section 5: Strategy for Sustainable Development This change updates the minimum Objective 2 additional housing provision over the 2) To support the delivery of at least 7480-7507 high quality additional homes in Runnymede in the period 2015-2030 (an (Supporting plan period. An additional 27 dwellings average of 500 498 homes a year) including the delivery of affordable housing, starter homes, housing for those with Local will be delivered, equating to an specialist needs and plots for those who wish to build their own home; additional 2 homes per year.

Ref. Number	Policy/ Para.	Proposed Main Modification	Likely Significant Effects
	People), Para 5.7		This represents a very small additional residential growth and would not cause any material increase in recreational pressure in the Thames Basin Heaths SPA.
			The original HRA already undertook an Appropriate Assessment of recreational pressure. It is considered that the Local Plan (as assessed in the original HRA) contains an appropriate framework for mitigating recreational pressure, including ensuring sufficient capacity of SANGs before any development associated with a given SANG is consented.
			It is therefore considered that the small change in residential growth will not result in LSEs on the Thames Basin Heaths SPA.
MM4	Para 5.13, second sentence	Section 5: Strategy for Sustainable Development Regulation <u>102</u> <u>105</u> requires plan-making authorities to assess the impact of land use plans (such as Local Plans) on internationally designated nature conservation sites.	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM – This change was made to ensure accuracy and it does not have implications for any European site.
MM5	New para after 5.13	Policies within the Local Plan are considered strategic policies where they set out an overarching strategy for the pattern, scale and quality of development and make sufficient provision for development (including housing etc), infrastructure, community facilities and the conservation and enhancement of the natural and built environment. All policies in the plan are considered to be fulfilling these purposes (and those identified in paragraph 156 of the 2012 NPPF) and are therefore strategic policies. Except the policies listed below which are considered non-strategic: SL19, SL21, SL24, SL25, SL26, SL27, SL28, EE4, EE5, EE7, EE8, EE14, EE15, EE16, EE17, EE18, EE19, IE12 and IE13.	pattern, scale and quality of development in the Borough. This has no bearing on European sites.

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MM6

Policy SD1 Policy SD1: Presumption in favour of sustainable development

and

background text

Presumption in favour of sustainable

<u>development</u>

5.14 At the heart of the NPPF is a presumption in favour of sustainable development; this is the golden thread running through both plan-making and decision-taking. Consequently, development that is sustainable and is in accordance with the development plan should be permitted without delay. The presumption in favour of sustainable development in the Runnymede Local Plan provides the necessary foundation to ensure that development proposals are acceptable within the context of the development plan and the NPPF.

<u>5.15</u> Over the period of the Local Plan, the Council will continue to take a positive approach to decision making and there will be a presumption in favour of sustainable development with the encouragement of sustainable and high quality development throughout the Borough.

Policy SD1: Presumption in favour of sustainable development

When considering development proposals, the Council will take a positive approach that reflects the presumption in favour of sustainable development contained in the National Planning Policy Framework. The Council will work proactively with applicants with the aim of finding solutions that mean that proposals can be approved wherever possible, thus securing development that improves the economic, social and environmental conditions in the Borough and fulfils the objectives of the Local Plan.

Planning applications that accord with the policies in this Local Plan (and, where relevant, with policies in neighbourhood plans) will be approved without delay, unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

Where there are no policies relevant to the application or relevant policies are out of date at the time of making the decision, the Council will grant permission unless material considerations indicate otherwise, taking into account whether:

<u>Any adverse impacts of granting permission would significantly and demonstrably outweigh</u> the benefits when assessed against the policies in the National Planning Policy

Framework taken as a whole: or

<u>b)</u>
<u>Specific policies in that Framework indicate</u> that development should be restricted.

Justification for inclusion of policy

No Likely Significant Effect of this MM – This policy was removed because the presumption in favour of sustainable development is already explicitly included in the NPPF.

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		5.16 The NPPF emphasises that all Local Plans should be based upon and reflect the presumption in favour of sustainable development. The principle informs both the policies and site allocations contained within the Runnymede Local Plan and will be used to guide decision makers.	
		5.17 LPAs are encouraged to include a policy within their Local Plan that embraces the presumption in favour of sustainable development. Policy SD1 meets this requirement and adopts the model wording suggested.	
		5.18 Policy SD1 also supports all of the Local Plan objectives.	
MM7	New para	Policy SD2: Spatial Development Strategy	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM
	after 5.21		 This change details that the Local Plan period was shortened to 2030,
		<u>During the course of Plan preparation, the Council made the decision to reduce the Plan period so that instead of </u>	because the Council (at the time of
		ending in 2035, the Plan period now ends in 2030. This change in approach occurred following the Additional Sites	Plan preparation) could not identify
		and Options stage when the Council identified that set against its annual housing needs figure of 498dpa, it could not	sufficient land to deliver housing up to
		identify enough land to meet the need for housing up to 2035 without making substantial inroads into the Green Belt	
		beyond the adjustments that had been made in respect of the weakly performing or strategically less important	period does not have an impact on any
		Resultant Land Parcels. When the alternative options were considered the Council concluded that shortening the Plan	European sites and this was in any
		period had significant advantages including that:	event taken into account during the HRA of the submitted Local Plan.
		-The Council could immediately start to deliver a significant boost to the supply of housing, employment floorspace	HRA OF THE Submitted Local Flam.
		and investment in infrastructure; and	
		-It would enable the production of a future plan to be better coordinated and integrated with plans prepared by its	
		neighbours through a second phase of the Surrey Local Strategic Statement. That would facilitate a long term, joint	
		approach to growth across Surrey.	
		- Reflect the government's emergent policy of requiring five yearly reviews of development plans.	
		-Provide a framework for the preparation of neighbourhood plans.	
		-Allow the Council to respond to anticipated regional changes such as the expansion of Heathrow.	
MM8	Figure 1	Policy SD2: Spatial Development Strategy	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM
	(Key		- This site has now been granted
	Diagram)	Key diagram to be amended such that Strodes College Lane is an allocation site and no longer an opportunity area.	planning permission and is no longer
			an opportunity area. This change has no effect on European sites.
MM9	Doro 5 22	Policy SD2: Spatial Dayslanment Stratogy	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM
IVIIVIƏ	Para 5.23	Policy SD2: Spatial Development Strategy	 This change has been made to
		The Runnymede-Spelthorne SHMA has concluded that Runnymede is located in a HMA with Spelthorne Borough Council.	account for housing completions since
		The HMA covers the full extent of both Local Authority areas. The OAN for the HMA is for approximately 15,451 net additional	the plan was submitted, resulting in an

Ref. Number	Policy/ Para.	Proposed Main Modification	Likely Significant Effects
		dwellings of which 7507 is generated from growth in Runnymede over the Plan period (2015 - 2030). To date, during the plan period there have been 561 1628 completions. In contrast to this housing need addition, there is capacity for 6919 6292 net additional dwellings (minimum) in the Borough over the plan period as evidenced by the Council's SLAA housing trajectory. This results in a total supply over the Plan period of 7480 7920 (or an average delivery of 498 529 dpa).	increased total supply of 7,920 dwellings. These completions were consented and delivered and were found to have no adverse effects on European sites once mitigation was considered. Correspondingly, the future capacity identified in the Plan has reduced from 6,919 to 6,292. Therefore, this change will not result in LSEs on any European sites.
MM10	Para 5.30	Policy SD2: Spatial Development Strategy Thorpe Village will be removed from the Green Belt through this Local Plan, however given its position in the centre hierarchy, the village is only considered to present limited opportunities for growth over the period of the Local Plan which will be dealt with in a Neighbourhood Plan for the Thorpe Area. The Council acknowledges that the neighbourhood plan being prepared for Thorpe will be assessed against the 2019 NPPF. Under paragraph 136 of the 2019 NPPF neighbourhood plans can make detailed non-strategic amendments to green belt boundaries where strategic local plan policies have established the need for strategic changes to the green belt boundaries. The Local Plan has justified the need for changes to the green belt boundaries in Runnymede given the existence of exceptional circumstances. As such, further non-strategic changes to the Green Belt boundaries in Thorpe may occur as a result of the Thorpe Neighbourhood Plan. Employment growth in Thorpe will be directed to the Strategic Employment Area at Thorpe Industrial Estate.	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM — This change states that the Neighbourhood Plan for Thorpe Village (which will be removed from the Green Belt) will be assessed against the 2019 NPPF. This change would have no effect on any European sites.
MM11	New para after 5.34	Policy SD2: Spatial Development Strategy Table 1 below shows the housing trajectory expected over the plan period as of 1 st April 2019 whilst table 2 below shows the expected affordable housing trajectory as of 1 st April 2019. See appendix 6 of this schedule for table 1 and 2. The existing table 1, table 2 and table 3 will be renumbered accordingly.	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM – This change introduces a table summarising the housing trajectory over the plan period. This has no bearing on European sites.
MM12	Para 5.40	Policy SD2: Spatial Development Strategy The delivery of a number of allocations around the A320 is contingent on the delivery of infrastructure improvements in this area of the Borough. This is clearly stated in the phasing information provided for the relevant sites. These allocations could be delivered earlier in the plan period than stated should the transport assessments submitted as part of the planning applications for these sites demonstrate that the impact on the A320 would be acceptable, having particular regard to the timing of the A320 improvements works being brought forward and the objective of securing the timely delivery of housing within the borough.	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM — This change helps clarify the Council's approach to development in the A320 corridor, which states that planning applications will have to undertake transport assessments. The introduction of this text has no effect on any European site.

Likely Significant Effects Ref. Policy/ **Proposed Main Modification** Number Para. necessary infrastructure improvements on the A320 to enable their release come forward earlier than anticipated. No Likely Significant Effect of this MM Policy SD2 Policy SD2: Spatial Development Strategy MM13 This change updates the minimum 1st para, 1st net additional housing to be provided The Local Plan will make provision for a minimum of 7480 7507 net additional dwellings sentence over the Plan period. However, this over the plan period. To meet identified employment need, a business park in the region of 20,000sqm at New Haw a change is minimal and is not 20,000sqm business park in New Haw- and a 79,025sqm (7,350sqm net) office/business park at the Longcross Enterprise considered to have LSEs on any Zone are also allocated through this Local Plan. European sites beyond to that already recognised and mitigated in the 2017 Local Plan. Please also see screening comment for MM3. No Likely Significant Effect of this MM MM14 Policy SD2 Policy SD2: Spatial Development Strategy - This change updates the minimum Table 1 growth delivery for different Settlement **Expected Minimum Growth Delivery** settlements in Runnymede. The total Addlestone including Rowtown 936 1,265 net additional dwellings (including 693 completions and number of dwellings to be delivered is -7 dwellings deriving from the provision of C2 older people's now updated with completions and accommodation) older people's accommodation. There is no additional quantum of residential 2 traveller pitches development allocated compared to the previous version of the Local Plan. 6400 **4.400**sam of net There are no LSEs of these changes additional A class floorspace in on any European sites. Addlestone town centre 12,650 11,700 sgm of net additional employment at the Weybridge and Bourne Strategic Employment Area Chertsey including Chertsey South 1972 2,212 net additional dwellings (including 364 completions and -7 dwellings deriving from the provision of C2 older people's accommodation) 24 traveller pitches 31 dwellings deriving from the provision of C2 older persons accommodation 1140 910 sqm of net additional A class floorspace in Chertsey town

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Egham including the area of Staines upon Thames which is located in the Borough	867 951 net additional dwellings (including 158 completions and 67 dwellings deriving from the provision of C2 older people's	
	accommodation and surplus student accommodation)	
	171 198 student bedspaces	
	5 traveller pitches	
	24 dwellings deriving from the provision of C2 older persons	
	accommodation	
	38,700 39,600 sqm of net additional employment at the Causeway and Pinetrees	
	Strategic Employment Area	
	1.980 sqm of net additional employment floorspace at the	
	Thorpe Industrial Estate Strategic Employment Area	
	630sqm of net additional A class floorspace in Egham	
	Town Centre 1,718-1,779 net additional dwellings (includes 97 completions and	
Longcross	33 dwellings deriving from the provision of C2 older	
	people's accommodation)	
	10 traveller pitches	
	Showpeople's plots	
	23 dwellings deriving from the provision of C2 older persons accommodation	
	7,350sqm net employment floorspace at the Longcross Strategic	
	Economic Area/Enterprise Zone	
	A range of A and D uses to support the new settlement	
Virginia Water	307 424 net additional dwellings (including 68 completions)	
	2 traveller pitches	

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Woodham and New Haw	59 123 net additional dwellings (including 39 completions)
	In the region of 20,000 sqm net B1c/B8 floorspace
Englefield Green	365 611 net additional dwellings (including 192 completions and 198 dwellings deriving from the provision of C2 older people's accommodation and surplus student accommodation)
	3211 3315 student bedspaces
	91 dwellings deriving from the provision of C2 older persons accommodation
Ottershaw	264 298 net additional dwellings (including 15 completions and 6 dwellings deriving from the provision of C2 older people's accommodation)
	2 traveller pitches
	4 dwellings deriving from the provision of C2 older persons accommodation
Thorpe	43 89 net additional dwellings (including 11 completions and 28 dwellings deriving from the provision of C2 older people's accommodation)
	17 dwellings deriving from the provision of C2 older persons accommodation
	1560sqm of net additional employment floorspace at the Thorpe Industrial Estate Strategic Employment Area
Estates renewal (Council owned land)	144 145 net additional dwellings
Other (area beyond identified settlements included in this table, primarily the area to the west of the borough, south of M3)	22 23 net additional dwellings (includes 1 completion)
	48 traveller pitches from existing sites

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		Total	6884 7,920 residential dwellings (including 1628 completions (including from older people's accommodation) 3389 3,513 student bedspaces 35 93 Traveller pitches/Showperson's plots 7,540 5,940 sqm of net additional A class floorspace 80,260 80,630 sqm of net additional employment floorspace	
MM15	Para 5.35	through public consultation, the evidence that has been prepar The Spatial Development Strategy has been used to shape the	y SD2: Spatial Development Strategy iving at its spatial development strategy, the Council has taken account of national planning policy, responses received gh public consultation, the evidence that has been prepared to support the Local Plan and the Sustainability Appraisal. Spatial Development Strategy has been used to shape the site allocations set out in policies SL2 to <u>SL18</u> , IE1 and <u>DE1149</u> . It will continue to be used to help shape development ambitions and proposals to be set out in future DPDs.	
MM16	Policy 5.35	Policy SD2: Spatial Development Strategy The spatial strategy makes provision for <u>7480</u> <u>7507</u> net additional dwellings over the plan period in the borough.		No Likely Significant Effect of this MM – This change updates the minimum net additional provision of housing for the Borough. However, the change in housing is nominal from an HRA point of view and is not considered to affect the conclusions of the HRA of the submitted Local Plan.
MM17	Para 5.38	In the period 1st April 2015 to 31st March 20179, 561 1628 net additional dwellings were completed in Runnymede, a shortfall of 472 361 units required to deliver the OAN in full over this two four year period. A further 3.602 3517 net additional dwellings are also expected to come forward as part of the rolling five year housing land supply (20179 to 20224) which also includes the first phases of LGV, resulting in a net delivery of 720 703 dpa during this period. This annual supply over the next 5 years will ensure that the shortfall in housing provision during the first two four years of the Plan period is made up and also incorporates a buffer of 20% to allow for choice in the market and flexibility as required by the NPPF. Over the period 2021 to 2025, town centre regeneration schemes are expected to be delivered along with further phases of LGV and a		No Likely Significant Effect of this MM – This change provides updated text regarding the housing provision in Runnymede and the requirement of making up the current shortfall in housing provision in the first four years of the Plan period. However, this shortfall is less than previously expected. This change will not have any impact on European sites.

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number of urban extensions. In the period 2025 to 2030, the final urban extensions are expected to come forward along with the final latter phases of LGV and development of the remaining identified opportunity areas.

MM18 Table 2 of **Policy SD2: Spatial Development Strategy** policy SD2

Component	Dwellings	Notes
A) Housing required 2015 - 2030 to meet objectively assessed needs	7,507	
B) Homes completed 2015/16 to 2016/17 2018/19	565 <u>1541</u>	Includes some completions at Longcross GV Includes loss of 4 for C2-C3 conversion in 2016/17
C) C2 completions (÷3) 2015/16 to 2016/17 2018/19 and surplus student accommodation completions (÷1.8)	-4 <u>87</u>	Where appropriate, a conversion from bedspace to equivalent house number (dividing by 3) has been applied up until 18/19 whereby a 1:1.8 ratio is applied
D) Estimated supply from existing planning permissions (5 net and above)	507 <u>362</u>	
E) Windfall estimate for sites of 1 – 4 dwellings*	256 245	Assume supply will reduce by 15% from year 6 9 onward
F) Prior approvals	298 192	Assume supply will reduce by 15% from year 6 9 onward
G) Contribution from C2 older people's accommodation (÷3 until 18/19 thereafter ÷1.8) (including 15% discount as appropriate) and surplus student accommodation (÷1.8)	191 <u>295</u>	15% discount applied to those with no permission or not started Where appropriate, a conversion from bedspace to equivalent house number (dividing by 3) has been applied up until 18/19 whereby a 1:1.8 ratio is applied
G <u>H)</u> New settlement at Longcross GV	1718 <u>1649</u>	Excluding completion s and C2 contribution

No Likely Significant Effect of this MM – This change updates the growth to be delivered by different components in the Local Plan. The total number of dwellings to be delivered is now updated with completions and older people's accommodation. There is no additional quantum of residential development allocated compared to the previous version of the Local Plan.

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H <u>I)</u> Other strategic allocations and opportunity areas	3601 <u>3229</u>	
I) Traveller accommodation on allocations	35	
J) Housing from suitable SLAA sites including estate regeneration	4 52 4 <u>55</u>	See appendix B for site maps
K) Underdelivery of 15% for sites non allocations not started (C3 only)	- 139 <u>-134.85</u>	
L) Total B-K	7480 7920	
Total shortfall/ <u>excess</u> (against OAN over the period of the Local Plan)	27 <u>+413</u>	
*no permissions included +no permissions included		

MM19 Policy SI table,

table, phasing column

Policy SD3 Policy SD3: Site Allocations

Site	Phasing
Site 48: Hanworth Lane, Chertsey	2017-202 <u>5</u> 2- <u>subject to delivery of necessary mitigation on the</u> A320
Site 60: Pyrcroft Road, Chertsey.	20223-2028 7 subject to delivery of necessary mitigation on the A320
Site 99: Longcross Garden Village.	2017-2030 <u>subject to delivery of necessary mitigation on the</u> <u>A320</u>
Site 231: St Peter's Hospital, Chertsey.	2019-2023 contingent on delivery of mitigation to the A320 2020- 2025 subject to delivery of necessary mitigation on the A320
Site 254: Parcel B, Veterinary Laboratory site.	2023-2026 subject to delivery of necessary mitigation on the A320
Site 255: Chertsey Bittams, Parcel A, Green Lane	2019-2022 contingent on delivery of mitigation to the A320 2023-2026 subject to delivery of necessary mitigation on the A320
Site 255: Chertsey Bittams, Parcel B, Green Lane	2022-2024 contingent on delivery of mitigation to the A320 2023-2026 subject to delivery of necessary mitigation on the A320

No Likely Significant Effect of this MM – These changes to the phasing of the sites reflect the need for mitigating impacts on the A320. The changes in phasing have no impact on European sites.

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Site 255: Chertsey Bittams, Parcel C, Green Lane	Post 2027 contingent on delivery of mitigation to the A320 <u>subject to delivery of</u> necessary mitigation on the A320
Site 255: Chertsey Bittams, Parcel D, Green Lane	2019-2022 contingent on delivery of mitigation to the A320 2021-2025 subject to delivery of necessary mitigation on the A320
Site 255: Chertsey Bittams, Parcel E, Green Lane	2022-2027 contingent on delivery of mitigation to the A320 2023-2026 subject to delivery of necessary mitigation on the A320
Site 263: Ottershaw East, Brox Road, Ottershaw	2019-2023 2023-2027 subject to delivery of necessary mitigation on the A320
Chertsey Bittams. Parcel C. Last Land east of Woodside Farm	Residential development incorporating a minimum of 35 9 net units and 2 <u>11</u> traveller pitches

The following new row is also inserted into the Policy SD3 table:

SLAA site reference	Site	Type of scheme proposed	Phasing
<u>190</u>	Strodes College Lane	Student accommodation or	<u>2021-2023</u>
		flatted scheme	

MM20 New after 5.52

para Policy SD4: Active and Sustainable Travel

Preparatory work has now begun on the development of a Runnymede Local Transport Strategy the purpose of which is to support sustainable growth coming forward in the Local Plan. As well as looking at current transport provision and identifying transport problems in Runnymede, the Local Transport Strategy will set out a programme of interventions to promote and encourage sustainable travel, help address local issues and mitigate the impact of future growth in the Borough.

No Likely Significant Effect of this MM This change represents an update regarding the Local Transport Strategy, which is prepared alongside the Local Plan. Since this promotes sustainable transport, it has no LSEs on any European sites.

Policy SD4, Policy SD4: Active and Sustainable Travel

5th bullet

point

Safeguarding land at the A320 as identified on the adopted Policies Map (if required) for transport related infrastructure:

Refusing planning permission for any development which would compromise the delivery of the mitigation works required to the A320 and/or M25 Junction 11.

No Likely Significant Effect of this MM This change refuses planning permission for any development that might compromise the mitigation works for the A320 and M25. It has no impact on any European site.

Likely Significant Effects Ref. Policy/ **Proposed Main Modification** Number Para. No Likely Significant Effect of this MM MM21 Policy SD6 Policy SD6: Infrastructure provision and timing This change acknowledges that 2nd para developments outside Runnymede Development proposals, including those allocated in this plan which give rise to a need for infrastructure improvements will be should be taken into consideration expected to mitigate their impact, whether individually or cumulatively and at a rate and scale to meet the needs that arise from when phasing infrastructure delivery. that development or a phase of that development, while also taking account of other developments outside Runnymede The changes text has no LSEs on that require mitigation from infrastructure schemes proposed within the Borough. The standards of infrastructure delivery European sites. will be expected to comply with other policies set out within this Plan. No Likely Significant Effect of this MM Policy SD6 Policy SD6: Infrastructure provision and timing - This change acknowledges that final para developments in Runnymede will only Development proposals which are dependent rely on the delivery of critical infrastructure projects will not only be permitted permitted if the essential prior to completion of that project or where appropriate, a phase of that project which has been identified as necessary for nfrastructure (or an infrastructure the development to proceed, where the council is content that the infrastructure or phase of that infrastructure will be phase) serving that development has in place within a reasonable timetable from the date of permission. Dependent on the timing of critical infrastructure been delivered. This is a positive projects the Council may instead grant permission with conditions or planning obligations restricting full or partial occupation change that has no LSEs on European until completion of critical infrastructure projects or phases of projects. sites. No Likely Significant Effect of this MM MM22 New Policy SD10: Longcross Garden Village This change clarifies the approach to after 5.104 the delivery of the Longcross Garden Surrey County Council and Runnymede Borough Council agree in principle that the continued delivery of residential Village in light of the required A320 development at Longcross Garden Village, in advance of the full completion of the A320 North of Woking Scheme, is North of Woking Scheme. It details technically feasible. Runnymede Borough Council anticipates that in the order of 600 homes (excluding completions that new homes could be delivered and commitments arising from the existing hybrid planning permission) could be delivered at Longcross Garden prior to the completion of the scheme. Village in advance of the full completion of the A320 North of Woking Scheme in March 2024. The precise amount However, this change has no bearing and types of housing to be delivered in advance of the A320 improvements will be determined through the planning on any European site. application process. The detailed transport assessments submitted with future planning applications will consider the contribution from different options for minimising the net impact of traffic on the A320 corridor in order to facilitate the continued delivery of housing at Longcross Garden Village. No Likely Significant Effect of this MM Policy SD10 Policy SD10: Longcross Garden Village - This change clarifies that 10 criterion b) serviced plots for Travelling Show bullet point 2 • At least 10 serviced pitches and/or plots for Travelling Show People Gypsies and Travellers in groupings of at least 3 People will be provided in the Plan pitches in accordance with SL22:

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Policy SD10 criterion b)	Policy SD10: Longcross Garden Villa	ge				No Likely Significant Effect of this MM – This table corrects the calculation to
table	Affordable Type / Tenure	% Split	Size			be consistent with the 2019 NPPF. This change is irrelevant to European
			1 bed	2 bed	3 bed	sites.
	Affordable Rent	65% 60%	0%	65%	35%	
	Social Rent	<u>10%</u>	25% 20%	4 5% 65%	15%	
	Affordable Home Ownership Shared ownership	30% (of which at least half for shared ownership)15%	50%	50%	0%	
	Starter Homes	10%	Subject to m	arket value thre	shold	
Policy SD10 criterion e) bullet point 2		to the local road network to mitigate signitP) and contribution towards or delivery o				No Likely Significant Effect of this MM – This is a small grammatical change and has no relevance to European sites.
Policy SD10 criterion e) bullet point 3		on of <u>. a</u> permanent bus services for the villa cluding Woking , a <u>s the nearest</u> major <u>loc</u>				No Likely Significant Effect of this MM – This is a small grammatical change and has no relevance to European sites.
Policy SD10 criterion e) bullet point 4	' Parracke cita) and the existing routes havend the village boundaries:			No Likely Significant Effect of this MM – This is a small grammatical change and has no relevance to European sites.		
Policy SD10 criterion e) last para	In addition to the above, traffic generation assessment and any exceedances will be strategy and secured through section	n targets will be negotiated with the develope monitored and mitigated through measu 106 agreement.	opers, based res outlined v	upon an up-to vithin a site-w	de transport	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM – This change details that measures outlined in site-specific transport strategies will be secured through section 106 agreements. This change has no relevance to European sites.
Policy SD10 criterion h)	of the village as a whole and be supported and thriving community. It will be expected the support of the village as a whole and be supported and thriving community.	nonstrating how each phase will contribute ed by the facilities & infrastructure necessated that development is delivered at an illities infrastructure requirements as idea in site specific assessments.	ry to ensure appropriate	the village is a pace, in part	a sustainable <u>icular</u> <u>with</u>	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM — This change details that development in Longcross Garden Village will have to keep pace with the provision of infrastructure. This is a

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			positive change that has no LSEs on European sites.
MM23	Policy SL2 criterion c)	Policy SL2: Housing allocation at Brox End Nursery, Ottershaw Contribute towards the improvement of and maximise opportunities to provide safe and attractive links to the existing public rights of way network in the locality of the site, especially FP21 and FP30 avoiding severance and rerouting unless it would improve accessibility, safety and/or, attractiveness to users;	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM – This change provides a clarification that is irrelevant to European sites.
	Policy SL2 criterion f)	Make a financial contribution(s) either through S106 or CIL (or its successor) towards the <u>provision expansion</u> of early years, <u>and</u> primary <u>and secondary school infrastructure; school infrastructure at Marshfields Cofe Infant and Ottershaw Cofe Junior Schools and a financial contribution towards secondary school infrastructure;</u>	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM – This change provides a clarification that is irrelevant to European sites.
MM24	Policy SL3 Timing	Policy SL3: Housing allocation at Hanworth Lane, Chertsey Between 2017-2025 2 subject to delivery of necessary mitigation on the A320	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM – This change provides a clarification that is irrelevant to European sites.
	Policy SL3 criterion c)	Contribute towards the improvement of and maximise opportunities to provide safe and attractive links to the existing public rights of way network especially FP35 avoiding severance and re-routing (unless it would improve accessibility, safety and/or, attractiveness to users) as well as links between the north and south parcels of the site;	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM – This change provides a clarification that is irrelevant to European sites.
	Policy SL3 criterion h)	h) Provide for the relocation of the existing school/college playing fields in a location appropriate for the needs of Salesian Secondary School/College. rather than provide or contribute to outdoor sports facilities and contribute toward off-site allotment provision contrary to Policy SL26; i) For the avoidance of doubt, in relation to open space requirements for the site (policy SL26) it will be expected that open space provision for children and teenagers will be provided, on site wherever possible. A financial contribution towards off site allotments and enhanced outdoor sports facilities, proportionate to the development proposal will be required.	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM — This change outlines that open space for children and teenagers will need to be delivered on-site. This change is irrelevant to European sites.
	Policy SL3 criterion i)	I) Include measures to mitigate the impact of development on the local road network and take account of impacts on the strategic road network as identified through a site specific Travel Plan and Transport Assessment exploring opportunities for the site to link with or contribute to the A320 off road cycle route and/or National Cycle Route 4 from Chertsey to Egham.	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM – This change states that measures to mitigate the impact of development on the local road network will need to be included. This change is irrelevant to European sites.
MM25	Policy SL5 criteria h) and i)	h) For the avoidance of doubt, in relation to open space requirements for the site (policy SL26) it will be expected that open space provision for children and teenagers will be provided on site wherever possible, whilst a financial contribution towards off site outdoor sports facilities and allotments will be required. Beyond this it is expected that	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM – This change outlines that open space for children and teenagers will

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		the applicant will provide or contribute to any other infrastructure identified at application stage which is necessary to make the development acceptable in planning terms.	need to be delivered on-site. This change is irrelevant to European sites.
MM26	SL6 inset map	Policy SL6: Housing allocation at Pyrcroft Road, Chertsey Appendix 1 contains a summary document, which shows the difference between the existing and amended map at this site.	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM – This change clarifies the land availability for this site. It is irrelevant to European sites.
	Policy SL6 Timing	Between 202 <u>23</u> -202 <u>87 subject to delivery of necessary mitigation on the A320</u>	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM – This change adjusts the timing of the delivery of this site. It is irrelevant to European sites.
	Policy SL6 criterion c)	c) Take account of and retain site boundary vegetation in the design and layout of the site including TPO 235 fronting Pyrcroft Road and provide supplementary planting with native species where necessary; This will need to be demonstrated and implemented through an appropriate landscaping strategy;	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM — This change specifies that a landscaping strategy for the site will be required. It is irrelevant to European sites.
	Policy SL6 criterion f)	f) Include measures to mitigate the impact of development on the local road network and take account of impacts on the strategic road network as identified through a site specific Travel Plan and Transport Assessment. Given the expected impact of development at the site on the A320, proportionate financial contributions to deliver relevant mitigation will be required. The applicant will also be expected to explore exploring opportunities for the site to link with or contribute to the A320 off road cycle route and/or National Cycle Route 4 from Chertsey to Egham;	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM – This change specifies that a financial contribution towards mitigating effects on the A320 will be required. The change is irrelevant to European sites.
	Policy SL6 penultimate para	In the event that the area shown <u>cross hatched</u> shaded on the above plan does not come forward at the same time as the remainder of the allocation it will be expected to provide a minimum of 100 net additional C3 residential units with the remainder of the site providing a minimum of 175 net additional C3 residential units and 5 Gypsy/Traveller pitches.	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM – This change is short clarification text and is irrelevant to European sites.
MM27	Policy SL7 criterion d)	Policy SL7: Housing allocation at Thorpe Lea Road North, Egham Include measures to mitigate the impact of development on the local road network and take account of impacts on the strategic road network as identified through a site specific Travel Plan and Transport Assessment exploring opportunities for the site to link with or contribute to <u>off-road</u> cycle routes <u>and passenger transport infrastructure and services</u> in the area;	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM – This change provides a clarification that is irrelevant to European sites.
	Policy SL7 criterion g) and h)	g) For the avoidance of doubt, in relation to open space requirements for the site (policy SL26) it will be expected that open space provision for children and teenagers will be provided on site wherever possible, whilst a financial contribution towards off site outdoor sports facilities and allotments will be required. Beyond this is will be expected that the applicant will provide or contribute to any other infrastructure identified at application stage which is necessary to make the development acceptable in planning terms.	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM – This change outlines that open space for children and teenagers will need to be delivered on-site. This change is irrelevant to European sites.

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MM28	SL8 inset map	Policy SL8: Housing allocation at Thorpe Lea Road West, Egham Appendix 2 contains a summary document, which shows the difference between the existing and amended map at this site.	No Likely Significant Effect – this change applies to aspects of the plan that are irrelevant to European sites.
	Policy SL8 criterion d)	d) Maximise opportunities to provide safe and attractive links to the existing public rights of way network in particular incorporating access to and avoiding severance and re-routing of FP37a <u>unless it would improve accessibility, safety and/or, attractiveness to users</u> ;	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM – This change provides a clarification that is irrelevant to European sites.
	Policy SL8 criterion f)	f) Include measures to mitigate the impact of development on the local road network and take account of impacts on the strategic road network as identified through a site specific Travel Plan and Transport Assessment exploring opportunities for the site to link with or contribute to <u>off-road</u> cycle routes <u>and passenger transport infrastructure and services</u> in the area;	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM – This change provides a clarification that is irrelevant to European sites.
	Policy SL8 criterion i) and j)	i) For the avoidance of doubt, in relation to open space requirements for the site (policy SL26) it will be expected that open space provision for children and teenagers will be provided on site wherever possible, whilst a financial contribution towards off site outdoor sports facilities and allotments will be required. Beyond this is will be expected that the applicant will provide or contribute to any other infrastructure identified at application stage which is necessary to make the development acceptable in planning terms.	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM – This change outlines that open space for children and teenagers will need to be delivered on-site. This change is irrelevant to European sites.
	Policy SL8 penultimate para	In the event that the areas shown cross hatched on the above plan do not come forward at the same time as the remainder of the allocation they will together be expected to provide a minimum of 55 net additional C3 residential units and 1 net Gypsy/Traveller pitch with the remainder of the site providing a minimum of 195 net additional C3 residential units and 2 Gypsy/Traveller pitches	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM – This change addresses how housing will be delivered in the site. It is not relevant to European sites.
	Policy SL8 final para	*Site Capacity Analysis evidence recommends <u>2500</u> C3 units and 3 Gypsy/Traveller pitches but assumes that no development will take place within the AQMA on air quality grounds. If it can be demonstrated that development within the AQMA would not have an adverse impact on human health or on existing air quality the site could provide a higher level of development than set out in a) above.	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM – This change ensures consistency with the Council's 2018 Addendum. It is not relevant to European sites.
MM29	Policy SL9 criterion d)	Policy SL9: Housing allocation at Virginia Water North d) As a departure from Policy SL26, For the avoidance of doubt, in relation to open space requirements for the site (policy SL26) it will expected that open space provision for children and teenagers will be provided on site wherever possible. For other open space typologies set out in Policy SL26 the site will be expected to provide on-site open space in the form of a publically publicly accessible park & garden with a minimum size of 0.85ha, at the site rather than provide or contribute to outdoor sports facilities and allotments. If a suitable alternative piece of land can be found offsite in very close proximity, the provisions of SL26 should be met:	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM – This change outlines that open space for children and teenagers will need to be delivered on-site. This change is irrelevant to European sites.

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	Policy SL9 criterion g)	strategic road network as identified through a site specific Travel Plan and Transport Assessment, exploring opportunities for	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM – This change provides a clarification that is irrelevant to European sites.
	Policy SL9 final para	<u>Dependent on the release of Gorse Hill Manor and Gorse Hill House, this parcel of land may not come forward for development by 2025.</u> In the event that the individual parcels of land comprising the Virginia Water North allocation do not come forward at the same time, each parcel should be brought forward for a minimum of:	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM – This change provides a clarification that is irrelevant to European sites.
		Merlewood – 86 net units Kenwolde – 26 net units Gorse Hill Manor & Gorse Hill House – 6 net units Rest of Site – 2 net units	
MM30	Policy SL10 criterion b)	Policy SL10: Housing allocation at Virginia Water South b) Take account of site boundary vegetation and the built development strategy for unit SS4W1 of the Surrey Landscape Character Assessment in the design, layout and landscaping of the site. This will need to be demonstrated and implemented through an appropriate landscaping strategy;	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM – This change provides a minor amendment that is irrelevant to European sites.
	Policy SL10 criterion e)	e) Include measures to mitigate the impact of development on the local road network and take account of impacts on the strategic road network as identified through a site specific Travel Plan and Transport Assessment, exploring opportunities for the site to link with, with or contribute towards to off road cycle routes including those at Longcross Garden Village and to improve pedestrian access to public transport links;	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM – This change provides a clarification that is irrelevant to European sites.
	Policy SL10 criteria h) and i)	h) For the avoidance of doubt, in relation to open space requirements for the site (policy SL26) it will expected be expected that open space provision for children and teenagers will be provided on site wherever possible, whilst a financial contribution towards off site outdoor sports facilities will be required. Financial contributions for allotments will not be required from this site due to local overprovision and proportionate alternative off site contributions to other green space typologies will be required. Beyond this is will be expected that the applicant will provide or contribute to any other infrastructure identified at application stage which is necessary to make the development acceptable in planning terms.	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM — This change outlines that open space for children and teenagers will need to be delivered on-site. This change is irrelevant to European sites.
MM31	Policy SL11 Timing	Policy SL11: Housing allocation at Parcel B, Vet Labs Site, Addlestone 2023-2026 subject to delivery of necessary mitigation on the A320	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM – This change provides a clarification that is irrelevant to European sites.
	Policy SL11 criterion b)	Take account of TPO 421 , site boundary vegetation and the built development strategy for unit SS3 of the Surrey Landscape Character Assessment in the design, layout and landscaping of the site especially the western, southern and northern boundaries. This will need to be demonstrated and implemented through an appropriate landscaping strategy;	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM – This change provides a minor

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			amendment that is irrelevant to European sites.
	Policy SL11 criterion e)	e) Include measures to mitigate the impact of development on the local road network and take account of impacts on the strategic road network as identified through a site specific Travel Plan and Transport Assessment. Given the expected impact of development at the site on the A320, proportionate financial contributions to deliver relevant mitigation will be required. The applicant will also be expected to explore exploring opportunities to link with existing off-road cycle routes and passenger transport infrastructure and services;	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM – This change specifies that a financial contribution towards mitigating effects on the A320 will be required. The change is irrelevant to European sites.
MM32	Policy SL12 Timing	Policy SL12: Housing allocation at Ottershaw East, Ottershaw 2019-2023 2023-2027 subject to delivery of necessary mitigation on the A320	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM – This change provides a clarification that is irrelevant to European sites.
	Policy SL12 first line of policy	This 14.1 6.6 ha site is located to the south east of Ottershaw and will deliver a high quality development that will:	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM – This change updates the size of the site allocation. However, it does not change the number of dwellings to be allocated. The change is irrelevant to European sites.
	Policy SL12 criterion a)	Make provision for <u>a minimum of</u> 200 C3 dwellings and 2 net additional serviced Gypsy/Traveller pitches;	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM – This change provides a minor amendment that is irrelevant to European sites.
	Policy SL12 criterion b)	Within the area shown purple on the plan above provide an area of SANG to avoid impacts to the Special Protection Area, as well as a contribution towards SAMM;	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM – This change deletes the text on SANG delivery here, moving it to the end of the policy.
	Policy SL12 criterion d)	<u>d\ c\)</u> Take account of <u>TPO 50.</u> site boundary vegetation and the built development strategy for unit SS4 of the Surrey Landscape Character Assessment in the design and layout of the site and provide new boundary planting with native species where necessary.	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM – This change provides a minor amendment that is irrelevant to European sites.

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	Policy SL12 criterion e)	e) d) Include measures to mitigate the impact of development on the local road network and take account of impacts on the strategic road network as identified through a site specific Travel Plan and Transport Assessment. Given the expected impact of development at the site on the A320, proportionate financial contributions to deliver relevant mitigation will be required. The applicant will also be expected to explore exploring opportunities for the site to link with or contribute to links to the A320 cycle route and/or contribute towards schemes in the Infrastructure Delivery Plan.	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM – This change specifies that a financial contribution towards mitigating effects on the A320 will be required. The change is irrelevant to European sites.
	Policy SL12 criterion f)	e) f) Make a financial contribution(s) either through S106 or CIL (or its successor) towards the provision expansion of early years, and primary and secondary school infrastructure; school infrastructure at Marshfields CofE Infant and Ottershaw CofE Junior Schools and a financial contribution towards secondary school infrastructure:	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM – This change provides a minor amendment that is irrelevant to European sites.
	Policy SL12 criterion g)	⊕ f) Provide 0.1ha of land and a proportionate contribution to the building of up to 800sqm for a new health facility comprising a GP surgery with associated parking and landscaping;	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM – This change provides a clarification that is irrelevant to European sites.
	Policy SL12 new text after criterion j)	Within the area shown purple on the plan above, provide an area of SANG to avoid impacts to the Thames Basin Heaths Special Protection Area, as well as a contribution towards SAMM	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM – This change moves the requirement for SANG provision to the end of the policy, to reflect that the SANG lies outside the development site.
MM33	Policy SL13 Timing	Policy SL13: Housing allocation at St Peter's Hospital, Chertsey 2019-2023 2020-2025 subject to delivery of necessary mitigation on the A320. contingent on delivery of mitigation to the A320.	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM - This change provides a minor amendment that is irrelevant to European sites.
	Policy SL13 first paragraph	The St Peter's Hospital allocation comprises 12.1ha of land sitting within the larger 31.7ha Hospital Complex <u>all of which sits</u> <u>outside the green belt which is released from the Green Belt in its entirety</u> . The 12.1ha housing allocation is set over two parcels of 11.1ha to the west of the hospital complex and 1ha to the north east with the hospital retained. Both sites <u>are expected to come forward within the period</u> <u>2015-2020 and</u> will deliver <u>a</u> high quality development <u>s</u> that will:	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM – This change provides a minor amendment that is irrelevant to European sites.
	Policy SL13 criterion b)	Take account of TPO <u>244 425</u> , the site's veteran trees, site boundary vegetation in the design, layout and landscaping of the site especially the boundary vegetation to Homewood Park; This will need to be demonstrated and implemented through an appropriate landscaping strategy;	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM – This change provides a minor amendment that is irrelevant to European sites.

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	Policy SL13 criterion d)	Provide a financial contribution towards the provision of a community hub building and associated infrastructure at Parcel A, Chertsey Bittams rather than providing or contributing to outdoor sports facilities and allotments contrary to Policy SL26. For the avoidance of doubt, it will be expected that open space provision for children and teenagers will be provided, on site wherever possible;	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM – This change outlines that open space for children and teenagers will need to be delivered on-site. This change is irrelevant to European sites.
	Policy SL13 criterion e)	Include measures to mitigate the impact of development on the local road network and take account of impacts on the strategic road network as identified through a site specific Travel Plan and Transport Assessment. Given the expected impact of development at the site on the A320, proportionate financial contributions to deliver relevant mitigation will be required. The applicant will also be expected to explore exploring opportunities for the site(s) to provide a link between the A320 off road cycle route and Holloway Hill/Stonehill Road; and contribute to the delivery of any measures identified in the A320 feasibility study.:	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM – This change specifies that a financial contribution towards mitigating effects on the A320 will be required. The change is irrelevant to European sites.
MM34	Policy SL14 Timing	Policy SL14: Housing allocation at Parcel A, Chertsey Bittams, Chertsey 2023-2026 subject to delivery of necessary mitigation on the A320 contingent on delivery of mitigation to the A320	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM — This change provides a minor amendment that is irrelevant to European sites.
	Policy SL14 criterion d)	Contribute towards the improvement of and maximise opportunities to provide safe and attractive links to the existing public rights of way network, in particular incorporating access to and avoiding severance and re-routing of FP36 and 37 <u>unless it would improve accessibility</u> , safety and/or, attractiveness to users;	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM – This change provides a clarification that is irrelevant to European sites.
	Policy SL14 criterion g)	Include measures to mitigate the impact of development on the local road network and take account of impacts on the strategic road network as identified through a site specific Travel Plan and Transport Assessment. Given the expected impact of development at the site on the A320, proportionate financial contributions to deliver relevant mitigation will be required. and contribute to the delivery of any measures identified in the A320 feasibility study;	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM – This change specifies that a financial contribution towards mitigating effects on the A320 will be required. The change is irrelevant to European sites.
	Policy SL14 footnote 2, fourth sentence	For the avoidance of doubt, it will be expected that open space provision for children and teenagers will be provided, on site wherever possible; open space provision for children and teenagers in line with Policy SL26 will be required.	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM – This change outlines that open space for children and teenagers will need to be delivered on-site. This change is irrelevant to European sites.
MM35	Policy SL15 Timing	Policy SL15: Housing allocation at Parcel B, Chertsey Bittams, Chertsey	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM – This change provides a minor

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		2022-2024 2023-2026 5 subject to delivery of necessary mitigation on the A320 contingent on delivery of mitigation to the A320	amendment that is irrelevant to European sites.	
	Policy SL15 criterion d)	Contribute towards the improvement of and maximise opportunities to provide safe and attractive links to the existing public rights of way network, in particular incorporating access to and avoiding severance and re-routing of FP56 <u>unless it would improve accessibility, safety and/or, attractiveness to users</u> ;	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM — This change provides a clarification that is irrelevant to European sites.	
	Policy SL15 criterion f)	Provide a financial contribution towards the provision of a community hub building and associated infrastructure at Parcel A, Chertsey Bittams, rather than providing or contributing to outdoor sports facilities and allotments contrary to Policy SL26. For the avoidance of doubt, it will be expected that open space provision for children and teenagers will be provided, on site wherever possible open space provision for children and teenagers in line with Policy SL26 will be required;	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM — This change outlines that open space for children and teenagers will need to be delivered on-site. This change is irrelevant to European sites.	
	Policy SL15 criterion g)	Include measures to mitigate the impact of development on the local road network and take account of impacts on the strategic road network as identified through a site specific Travel Plan and Transport Assessment. Given the expected impact of development at the site on the A320, proportionate financial contributions to deliver relevant mitigation will be required. and contribute to the delivery of any measures identified in the A320 feasibility study;	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM – This change specifies that a financial contribution towards mitigating effects on the A320 will be required. The change is irrelevant to European sites.	
MM36	Policy SL16 Timing	Policy SL16: Housing allocation at Parcel C, Chertsey Bittams, Chertsey Post 2027 <u>subject to delivery of necessary mitigation on the A320</u> <u>contingent on delivery of mitigation to the A320</u>	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM — This change provides a minor amendment that is irrelevant to European sites.	
	Policy SL16 criterion a)	Make provision for a minimum of <u>35-9</u> net additional C3 dwellings, <u>and 1</u> net additional serviced Gypsy/Traveller pitches <u>and permanent retention of the existing temporary pitch;</u>	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM – This change specifies the remaining number of residential dwellings and gypsy / traveller pitches to be provided in the site. The amendment does not provide for residential development beyond the original quantum identified in the Local Plan. The change is irrelevant to European sites.	
	Policy SL16 criterion f)	Provide a financial contribution towards the provision of a community hub building and associated infrastructure at Parcel A, Chertsey Bittams rather than providing or contributing to outdoor sports facilities and allotments contrary to Policy SL26. For	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM – This change outlines that open space for children and teenagers will	

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		the avoidance of doubt, it will be expected that open space provision for children and teenagers will be provided, on site wherever possible open space provision for children and teenagers in line with Policy SL26 will be required;	need to be delivered on-site. This change is irrelevant to European sites.
	Policy SL16 criterion g)	Include measures to mitigate the impact of development on the local road network and take account of impacts on the strategic road network as identified through a site specific Travel Plan and Transport Assessment. Given the expected impact of development at the site on the A320, proportionate financial contributions to deliver relevant mitigation will be required. and contribute to the delivery of any measures identified in the A320 feasibility study:	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM – This change specifies that a financial contribution towards mitigating effects on the A320 will be required. The change is irrelevant to European sites.
MM37	Policy SL17 Timing	Policy SL17: Housing allocation at Parcel D, Chertsey Bittams, Chertsey 2019-2022 contingent on delivery of mitigation to the A320-2021-2025 subject to delivery of necessary mitigation on the A320	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM – This change provides a minor amendment that is irrelevant to European sites.
	Policy SL17 criterion e)	Provide a financial contribution towards the provision of a community hub building and associated infrastructure at Parcel A, Chertsey Bittams rather than providing or contribution towards outdoor sports facilities and allotments contrary to policy SL26. For the avoidance of doubt, it will be expected that open space provision for children and teenagers will be provided, on site wherever possible open space provision for children and teenagers in line with Policy SL26 will be required;	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM — This change outlines that open space for children and teenagers will need to be delivered on-site. This change is irrelevant to European sites.
	Policy SL17 criterion f)	Include measures to mitigate the impact of development on the local road network and take account of impacts on the strategic road network as identified through a site specific Travel Plan and Transport Assessment. Given the expected impact of development at the site on the A320, proportionate financial contributions to deliver relevant mitigation will be required. and contribute to the delivery of any measures identified in the A320 feasibility study:	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM – This change specifies that a financial contribution towards mitigating effects on the A320 will be required. The change is irrelevant to European sites.
MM38	Policy SL18 Timing	Policy SL18: Housing allocation at Parcel D, Chertsey Bittams, Chertsey 2022-2027 2023-2026 subject to delivery of necessary mitigation on the A320 centingent on delivery of mitigation to the A320	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM — This change provides a minor amendment that is irrelevant to European sites.
	Policy SL18 criterion d)	Provide a financial contribution towards the provision of a community hub building and associated infrastructure at Parcel A, Chertsey Bittams rather than providing or contributing to outdoor sports facilities and allotments contrary to Policy SL26. For the avoidance of doubt, it will be expected that open space provision for children and teenagers will be provided, on site wherever possible open space provision for children and teenagers in line with Policy SL26 will be required;	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM – This change outlines that open space for children and teenagers will need to be delivered on-site. This change is irrelevant to European sites.

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	Policy SL18 criterion e)	Include measures to mitigate the impact of development on the local road network and take account of impacts on the strategic road network as identified through a site specific Travel Plan and Transport Assessment. Given the expected impact of development at the site on the A320, proportionate financial contributions to deliver relevant mitigation will be required. and contribute to the delivery of any relevant measures identified in the A320 feasibility study;	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM – This change specifies that a financial contribution towards mitigating effects on the A320 will be required. The change is irrelevant to European sites.	
MM39	Para 6.31	The definition of affordable housing includes housing for sale or rent, for those whose needs are not met by the market (including housing that provides a subsidised route to home ownership and/or is for essential local workers); and which complies with one or more of the definitions in the 2019 8 NPPF for affordable housing for rent, starter homes, discounted market sales housing, other affordable housing routes to home ownership. social rented/affordable rented and intermediate housing as well as starter homes that are available to Borough households whose needs cannot be met by the market. To be 'affordable', the cost of housing must be low enough for eligible households to afford based on local incomes and house prices.	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM – This change modifies the definition of affordable housing. The change is irrelevant to European sites.	
	Para 6.34	Policy SL20 includes the requirement to provide affordable housing on all sites that result in a net gain of <u>41</u> <u>10</u> units or more. Where land that is above the threshold is subdivided to create separate development schemes, the Council will consider the site as a whole and seek affordable housing on each part.	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM — This change provides a minor amendment to the number of units to be delivered as affordable housing. The change is irrelevant to European sites.	
	Para SL20 1 st para	Over the period of the Local Plan the Council will seek to deliver 30% of all net additional dwellings as affordable units of which about with 80% 70% will be provided as Affordable/Social Rent and 30% 20% provided as other forms of affordable housing 17.	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM – This change adjusts the proportion of affordable housing to be delivered. The change is irrelevant to European sites.	
	Para SL20 2 nd para	Development proposals of <u>44 10</u> or more (net) additional dwellings will be expected to provide 35% of dwellings as affordable units with a tenure split as above <u>which includes 10% of homes for affordable home ownership (starter homes, discounted market sales housing and/or other products which provide affordable routes to home ownership in line with the definition contained in the 2019 <u>8</u> NPPF)¹⁷.</u>	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM – This change adjusts the proportion of affordable housing to be delivered. The change is irrelevant to European sites.	
	Para 6.40	Paragraph 61 of the 2019 & NPPF confirms that the size, type and tenure of housing needed for different groups in the community should be assessed and reflected in planning policies (including, but not limited to, those who require affordable housing). Paragraph 64 of the NPPF confirms that where major development involving the	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM – This change adjusts the proportion of affordable housing to be delivered,	

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provision of housing is proposed, planning policies and decisions should expect at least 10% of the homes to be available for affordable home ownership, unless this would exceed the level of affordable housing required in the area (which is not the case in Runnymede), or significantly prejudice the ability to meet the identified affordable housing needs of specific groups (exemptions are specifically listed in the NPPF). Paragraph 50 of the NPPF sets out that to deliver a wide choice of high quality homes, widen opportunities for home ownership and create sustainable, inclusive and mixed communities. LPAs should (amongst other things), where they have identified that affordable housing is needed. set policies for meeting this need on site, unless off-site provision or a financial contribution of broadly equivalent value can be robustly justified (for example to improve or make more effective use of the existing housing stock) and the agreed approach contributes to the objective of creating mixed and balanced communities. Such policies should be sufficiently flexible to take account of changing market conditions over time.

Para 6.41

The Council's SHMA indicates a clear need for affordable housing in the Borough and the wider HMA and it is on this basis that policy SL21 SL20 has been formulated.

No Likely Significant Effect of this MM This change provides a minor amendment that is irrelevant to European sites.

aligning the policy with paragraph 64

of the NPPF. Therefore, the change is

Footnote 17

- ⁴⁷This includes starter homes, intermediate homes and shared ownership. And any other form of affordable housing as described by national guidance or legislation
- ¹⁷Unless the requirement for affordable home ownership products is exempted through national planning policy

No Likely Significant Effect of this MM This change provides a minor amendment that is irrelevant to European sites.

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Para first sentence

6.51 Policy SL22: Meeting the Needs of Gypsies, and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople

The Local Plan sets a strategy for providing accommodation for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople through the delivery of sites on a number of the housing allocations and by considering proposals where these arise outside the allocated sites against the criteria in policy SL24 SL22 and national guidance.

No Likely Significant Effect of this MM This change provides a minor amendment that is irrelevant to European sites.

New paragraphs after 6.51

Allocations in the Local Plan seek to make provision to address the needs of households meeting the planning definition of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople. For households falling outside the planning definition of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople, existing provision in the Borough, including residential carayan parks, and policies elsewhere within the local plan which facilitate the provision of a range of housing types will enable the needs of such households to be addressed.

The GTAA (2018) does not identify a need for transit pitches in the borough. As such, the Local Plan does not seek to allocate any transit pitches in the borough. Notwithstanding, the Council is working in partnership with other Districts and Boroughs in Surrey and Surrey County Council to review opportunities to provide a transit site(s) in the County. Any new transit site coming forward in the plan period will be considered through the planning application process in line with local plan policies, including policy SL22.

No Likely Significant Effect of this MM These additional paragraphs address the needs of those falling outside the planning definitions of gypsies, travellers and travelling showpeople. This change is irrelevant to European sites.

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	Policy SL22 Policy SL22 Policy SL22 1st para Plots which will be expected to come forward as follows: The Council's most up to date assessment of the accommodation needs of gypsies, travellers and travelling showpeople (GTAA January 2018) identifies the following			No Likely Significant Effect of this MM — This change provides a minor amendment that is irrelevant to European sites.		
				sessment of the	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM — This change provides a minor amendment that is irrelevant to European sites.	
	Policy SL22 table	Type Pitches Plots	2015-2022 <u>71</u> <u>16</u>	2023-2027 10-12 <u>2</u>	2028-2030 6- <u>0</u> <u>1</u>	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM – This change provides up-to-date requirements for gypsy and traveller pitches / plots within Runnymede. This change does not alter the conclusions and recommendations from the original HRA.
	Policy SL22 2 nd para	and the granting of planning p Council's most up to date as range of measures including -By addressing identified sit Travelling Showpeople who authorised sites: -By giving positive consider for the redevelopment of pre with other policies of this PI -By attaching appropriate pl	ermissions. The Council remains sessment of needs at the times at the times. Emanagement issues on authorized the planning definitions at the planning definitions at the planning deviously developed sites to proper and including Green Belt policies and obligations and obligations are the measures set out in the planning conditions and obligations.	ns committed to meeting ider te of consideration of any plan thorised sites to ensure that G set out in Government policy of authorised traveller sites in tovide pitches and plots where ties; tions to any planning approva	typsies, Travellers and y are not being displaced from the Borough, and proposals proposals would comply	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM – This change clarifies the Council's strategy to meeting the needs of gypsies, travellers and travelling showpeople. This change is irrelevant to European sites.
	Policy SL22 3 rd para	traveller accommodation and i		if a site allocation is required to ion will be considered. Offsite acnet:		No Likely Significant Effect of this MM — This change provides a minor amendment that is irrelevant to European sites.

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	Policy 1 st point	SL22 bullet	* The exceptional circumstances demonstrating on-site provision is not feasible are proven	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM – This deletion provides a minor amendment that is irrelevant to European sites.
	Policy S criteria		 (i) the site is suitably connected by sustainable and active modes of transport to a settlement with existing health care, retail, and school facilities; (ii) the impact of development would not harm landscape character; (iii) the site can be safely accessed by pedestrians, vehicles and caravans to and from the highway; (iv) the site is located in flood zone 1 as shown on the Policies Map or in flood zone 2 if it can be demonstrated that both the sequential and exception tests can be passed. 	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM – This change outlines that new pitches / plots need to be suitably connected to utilities. This is a positive change that will not have LSEs on European sites.
			 (V) the site can be suitably connected to clean and foul water utilities; (Vi) all pitches/plots would be able to accommodate the reasonable amenities of the occupiers. The following criterion applies additionally to Travelling Showpeople accommodation only: (Vii) In addition to (vi) above, the site should be suitable for the storage and maintenance of show equipment and associated vehicles without causing harm through conflict with other policies in the Plan. 	
	Policy S		 (vi) the site can be suitably connected to clean and foul water utilities; Where traveller pitches are required to be provided on sites allocated through this Local Plan, the Council will secure their delivery through the imposition of appropriate aplanning conditions or obligations attached to any planning approval granted. Those obligations will include an appropriate management agreement including measures to secure: Phasing of site delivery and trigger points to secure early delivery, proportionate to the site delivery; Measures to ensure the site is secured in perpetuity for Gypsies, Travellers or Travelling Showpeople (in accordance with the relevant definition from the Planning Policy for Traveller Sites, or any replacement guidance) as appropriate 	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM – This change ensures that gypsy / traveller sites are delivered in phases and are maintained in perpetuity. This change is not relevant for European sites.
			A policy for Allocation (to preserve access for those with local connection); And,	

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		-Further to Policy SL20, consideration of delivery of a proportion of the pitches or plots at below market value, as affordable housing, based on evidence of need as set out in the Council's latest GTAA and viability at the time of the application. This consideration applies to both the provision of pitches or plots on site and in cases where provision is proposed off site.	
	Policy SL22 last para	The loss of authorised pitches and plots for gypsies, travellers and travelling <u>showmen</u> <u>showpeople</u> to other uses will be resisted unless it can be demonstrated that there is a surplus supply of traveller pitches and plots for gypsies and travellers in the Borough.	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM This change provides a minor amendment that is irrelevant to European sites.
MM41	Para 6.54	Policy SL23: Accommodating Older People and Students The SHMA has identified that, given the growth in the older population and the higher levels of disability and health problems amongst older people ¹⁸ , there is likely to be an increased requirement for specialist housing in the Borough over the Plan period. However, t±his provision should be one of provide a range of tenures and types of accommodation that support independence, well-being and inclusion for older people and avoid should not contribute to the development of unbalanced communities which can arise when appropriate options are not provided for all sections of the population.	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM – This change clarifies the Council's strategy to accommodating older people and students. The change is irrelevant to European sites.
	New para after para 6.54	namulation with the total number of name and CE and ever projected to increase by 4 020 name ever the paried of	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM — This change provides additional background information regarding the provision of housing for older people. The change is irrelevant to European sites.
	Para 6.56	Some of the allocated sites 19 plan to deliver a range of specialist housing needs for older people, but outside of these sites, Policy SL23 sets out the criteria for assessing proposals for specialist accommodation for older people, including sheltered housing, extra care accommodation, and care homes, including its appropriate location, consistent with NPPF paragraph 50. Footnote 19 to read: 19 At Longcross Garden Village and St Peter's Hospital. and Chertsey Bittams parcel D.	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM — This change provides a minor amendment that is irrelevant to European sites.

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	Policy SL23 1 st para	The Council will support proposals for specialist accommodation for older people, including sheltered housing, care homes and other appropriate forms of accommodation for the elderly and those with particular needs on suitable sites, to meet needs that have been identified in the Council's most up to date Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA). It will be expected that proposed development is are will be permitted, provided that the development: meets a demonstrable established local community need; is readily accessible to public transport, shops, local services, community facilities and social networks for residents, carers and their visitors;	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM – This change provides a minor amendment that is irrelevant to European sites.
	Para 6.61	Policy <u>SL25</u> <u>SL23</u> would help deliver this national policy requirement.	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM — This change provides a minor amendment that is irrelevant to European sites.
MM42	Para 6.65	Policy SL24: Self & Custom Build Housing To assist in the delivery of a choice of accommodation, on large development schemes of 50 or more homes, the Council will expect applicants to demonstrate that they have given consideration to providing custom and self-build plots as part of the overall housing mix with a serviced plot(s) being provided where there is an identified local need (as evidenced by the Council's Self and Custom Build Housebuilding Register) and it is viable and feasible to do so. the provision of self and custom housebuilding plots are required to be made available on residential schemes of 20 homes (gross) or more. A figure of 5% of the total dwelling numbers shall be made available for sale as self or custom housebuilding plots whilst there is an identified need on the Council's Selfbuild and Custom Housebuilding Register. The Council will have regard to the information in its Self & Custom Housebuilding Register when negotiating the mix of plots to come forward as self or custom build and will secure this through S106 or other legal agreements.	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM – This change relates to the provision of self and custom build housing within the Borough. This subject is irrelevant to European sites.
	Para 6.66	On <u>strategic</u> development <u>schemes of 50 or more homes where self-build and/or custom build homes are proposed sites</u> , the delivery of <u>a significant proportion of any</u> self or custom build plots will be expected in the early stages of development. Where a site has five or more self or custom build dwellings, the Council may require these dwellings to be developed in accordance with an agreed design code. Where plots have been available at market value and marketed appropriately for at least 12 months and have not sold, the plot(s) may remain on the open market as self or custom build or be offered to the Council or a Housing Association before being built out by the developer.	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM – This change relates to the provision of self and custom build housing within the Borough. This subject is irrelevant to European sites.
	Policy SL24	To support prospective self & custom builders, development proposals of 20 or more (net) additional dwellings, including sites allocated in this Plan, will be expected to make available at least 5% of dwelling plots for sale to self or custom builders. Where an applicant considers that it is not feasible or viable to meet the 5% requirement the Council will expect this to be demonstrated with robust evidence and may negotiate a proportion which is achievable. The Council will negotiate the mix of self and custom build plots to be made available as informed by the Council's Self Build and Custom Housebuilding Register.	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM – This change relates to the provision of self and custom build housing within the Borough. This subject is irrelevant to European sites.

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		Proposals for custom and self-build housing in the Borough are encouraged and will be approved in suitable, sustainable locations. The Council will particularly encourage the development of self-build homes on appropriately sized, serviced sites in the first instance or on appropriately sized sites that are capable of being serviced.	
		<u>Large development schemes of 50 or more homes will be expected to demonstrate that consideration has been given to custom and self-build plots as part of housing mix with a serviced plot(s) being provided where there is an identified need and it is viable and feasible to do so.</u>	
		On sites where self and custom build plots are to be provided, the Council will negotiate the mix of self and custom build plots to be made available as informed by the Council's Self Build and Custom Housebuilding Register.	
		Where a plot has been made available and marketed appropriately for at least 12 months but has not sold, the plot may either remain on the open market for self or custom build or be offered to the Council or a Registered Provider before being built out by the developer for market housing.	
	Para 6.67	Paragraph 50 of the NPPF states that to deliver a wide choice of high quality homes, widen opportunities for home ownership and create sustainable, inclusive and mixed communities, LPAs should (amongst other things), plan for a mix of housing based on current and future demographic trends, market trends and the needs of different groups in the community (such as, but not limited to, families with children, older people, people with disabilities, service families and people wishing to build their own homes). Policy <u>SL26</u> <u>SL24</u> would help deliver this national policy requirement.	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM – This change relates to the provision of self and custom build housing within the Borough. This subject is irrelevant to European sites.
MM43	Para 6.76	Policy SL26: Existing Open Space	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM – This change provides a minor
		The OSS 2016 has identified the supply and quality of open space across the Borough, including type and location. Policy <u>SL27</u> <u>SL25</u> has been written in line with the findings and recommendations from the OSS.	amendment that is irrelevant to European sites.
MM44	Para 7.3	Runnymede's Urban Character Appraisal (2009) and tThe Surrey Landscape Character Assessment (2015) sets out the general characteristics of Runnymede's townscape/landscape and how development can be sympathetic to and/or mitigate its impact. The Council are also preparing a Design SPD for the whole of Runnymede Borough which when adopted will support the implementation of Policy EE1 and other policies in the plan where they have a design implication. Urban Character Appraisal and Landscape Character Assessment will be used in the preparation of a general or specific design SPD, which may include elements of design coding to inform how development should consider design elements.	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM – This change provides for a Design Supplementary Planning Document, which will support policies that have a design implication. This change is irrelevant to European sites.
	New para after para 7.3	Poview Panels as apprepriate to ensure design quality is achieved. The Council's pre-application charging schedule	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM – This change provides for the use of Design Review Panels for new

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and Design SPD will set out when a Design Review Panel will be appropriate. The Council also strongly encourages applicants of major developments to carry out early engagement with the local community.

planning applications. This change is irrelevant to European sites.

Policy EE1

Whether within the Borough's urban areas or Green Belt, <u>all</u> development proposals will be expected to achieve high quality <u>and inclusive</u> design <u>which responds to the local context including the built, natural and historic character of the area</u> while making efficient use of land. <u>taking account of their impact at the earliest opportunity. Development proposals will be supported if they: of their impact In particular, development proposals will be supported where if they:</u>

No Likely Significant Effect of this MM – This change clarifies the Council's approach to design principles and aligns this more closely with the NPPF. This change is irrelevant to European sites.

- Create attractive and resilient places which make a positive contribution to the Borough's townscape, <u>public realm</u> and/or landscape <u>quality by respecting and enhancing the local, natural & historic character of the environment setting and which will endure into the long term, paying particular regard to layout, form, scale, materials, detailing and <u>any quidance set out in adopted planning documents including Neighbourhood Plans and the Council's Design SPD;</u>
 </u>
- Create developments which promote social interaction and design out crime by maximising opportunities for natural surveillance, safe and attractive shared public spaces, active street frontages and legible & accessible connections between people and places for pedestrian & cycling movement and access to public transport, local facilities, green and blue infrastructure:
- Reinferce locally distinctive patterns of development by paying particular regard to scale, layout, building lines, materials, massing, bulk, density, height and topography;
 Contribute to and enhance the quality of the public realm and/or landscape eharacter setting through high quality and inclusive hard and soft landscaping schemes; This will be demonstrated and implemented through an appropriate landscaping strategy which takes account of existing and proposed townscape/landscape character and features;
- Ensure no adverse impact on the amenities of occupiers of the development proposed or to neighbouring property or uses and provide an appropriate standard of private amenity space;
- Provide an appropriate standard of private amenity space;
- Ensure maximum opportunities for natural surveillance and other measures to design out crime and disorder;
- Deliver layouts which offer safe, attractive, legible and permeable routes which are suitable for all users, linking people with places through a choice of active and sustainable travel choices delivered to best practice standards;
- Avoid the loss of trees and other vegetation worthy of retention and supplemented with additional high quality planting, or where retention is not feasible or desirable provide for high quality replacement planting;
- Have regard to relevant design codes or guidance set out in general or specific design. Supplementary Planning
 <u>Document, and through a Design & Access Statement demonstrating how design principles will be delivered.</u>
 <u>Development proposals will be expected to show the options considered through the early design process and reasons for rejected options and the preferred design.</u>

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		 Development proposals will be expected to take account of a scheme's design at the earliest opportunity and demonstrate through the application process how design principles set out in this Policy and adopted planning documents have been met. For major developments, a Design & Access Statement should set out the design options considered through the design process and how these have evolved into the preferred design. 	
MM45	Para 7.9	Policy EE2: Environmental Protection Pollution can lead to adverse impacts on the natural environment and the health and wellbeing of individuals and communities. Pollution effects can come from a number of sources and affect receptors including air, soil and water and through noise, vibration, radiation, dust and particulate matter, odour and light. Development proposals should aim to ensure that any emissions from sources or impacts on receptors can either be fully mitigated or reduced to acceptable levels. Existing businesses and community facilities should not have unreasonable restrictions placed on them as a result of development permitted after they were established.	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM – This change stipulates that existing businesses and development should not have unreasonable restrictions imposed on them as a result of new development. The text continues to uphold the protection of air, soil and water. This change will not result in LSEs on European sites.
	Policy EE2 new 1 st para	Any report or assessment required by this policy will be expected to be written in line with best practice guidance or advice.	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM – This change is a minor amendment to Policy EE2. It will not result in LSEs on European sites.
	Policy EE2 para 11	Development proposals should be integrated effectively with existing businesses and community facilities and ensure that where an existing business or community facility has an effect that could be deemed a statutory nuisance as a result of the proposed development, or where its operation could have a significant adverse effect on the proposed development (including changes of use), the applicant will be required to demonstrate at application stage that effective mitigation can be secured and implemented suitable mitigation prior to completion of that development or a phase of that development.	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM – This change is an amendment to Policy EE2, stipulating that the applicant must demonstrate at the application stage that mitigation measures can be implemented to avoid adverse effects, prior to completion of the development (or a phase thereof). This positive change will not result in LSEs on European sites.
	Policy EE2 para 13	Any report or assessment required by this policy will be expected to be written in line with best practice guidance or advice.	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM — This deletion provides a minor amendment that is irrelevant to European sites.

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Policy EE9 Policy EE9: Biodiversity, Geodiversity and Nature Conservation

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Development proposals that affect sites with the highest protection, as set out in the Habitats Regulations, will not usually be permitted unless it can be demonstrated that the impact of proposals would not be likely to have a significant effect on these sites either alone or in combination with other plans or projects. In exceptional circumstances where a plan or project is being considered for approval, the sequential test as set out in the (Habitats) Regulations would need to first be passed and accompanied by a full appropriate assessment.

development resulting in adverse effects (following mitigation measures) will need to demonstrate that alternative approaches have been fully explored and IROPI exist. This policy change will not result in LSEs on European sites.

No Likely Significant Effect of this MM

This change clarifies that

Development proposals not directly related to the management of Ramsar, SPA, SAC as well as SSSI units forming part of these designations will not be permitted unless it can be demonstrated that the impact of proposals, either alone or in combination, will not result in likely significant effects. If significant effects remain even with the implementation of suitable avoidance and/or mitigation, development proposals will need to demonstrate that alternatives to the proposal have been fully explored and that Imperative Reasons of Overriding Public Interest (IROPI) exist. In these exceptional circumstances the Council will only permit development where suitable compensatory measures can be implemented.

For development proposals that affect nationally, regional or locally protected sites not forming part of a Ramsar, SPA or SAC, permission will only be granted very special circumstances would be required to where it can be demonstrated that the benefits of the development proposal clearly outweigh the less harm to ef the site. In instances where applications for development on or adjacent to sites that are not legally protected but are identified as important come forward, applicants will be expected and has to followed the hierarchy of mitigation so that biodiversity/geodiversity damage from development should first be avoided, then mitigated on-site and finally, as a last resort and where acceptable, offset,

Para 7.71

It should be noted that the Council is committed to resurveying its SNCIs during the first five years of the Local Plan. Any SNCIs identified through a resurvey will be considered in the same way as existing SNCIs.

No Likely Significant Effect of this MM This change provides a minor amendment that will not result in LSEs on European sites.

MM47

New after 7.81

para Policy EE10: Thames Basin Heaths Special Protection Area

This approach sets out that SANG of certain size will generally have a particular catchment. As a guide, SANG of 2-12ha will have a catchment of 2km; SANG of 12-20ha will have a catchment of 4km; SANG of 20ha or more will have a catchment of 5km.

No Likely Significant Effect of this MM This change clarifies that the visitor catchment areas for SANGs of different size. These catchment areas accepted by Natural England and ensure the effective delivery of mitigation. This useful change will not result in LSEs on European sites.

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	Para 7.82	This approach <u>also</u> requires developers of housing schemes to provide, or make a financial contribution towards, SANG and SANG enhancement in the Borough. <u>Whether provided by bespoke solutions or financial contributions the Council will secure SANG delivery through the use of Section 106 <u>agreements</u>. With the cap on the pooling of Section 106 contributions introduced by the CIL Regulations (2015) and enacted from April 2016, the Council is required to demonstrate that there is an appropriate mitigation strategy in place. The Council does not currently operate CIL and therefore has introduced a new approach to funding SANG. In addition to larger sites retaining an option to provide a bespoke SANG solution, there is a further option for developers to enter into a land transaction with the Council, for an appropriate financial sum to obtain a consent to utilise part of one of the Council's strategic SANG in mitigation.</u>	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM – This change establishes the delivery and funding mechanisms for SANG provision, ensuring that adequate mitigation is provided. This useful change will not result in LSEs on European sites.
	Policy EE10 3 rd bullet point	 Contribute towards enhancing the strategic Suitable Alternative Natural Green Space provision that is made in the Council's Special Protection Area Interim Guidance or any subsequent update of it through the existing licensing scheme or any future agreed mechanism. <u>Developments of fewer than 10 dwellings should not normally be required to be within a specified distance of SANG land</u>; and 	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM — This change establishes that developments of 10 or fewer dwellings do not need to be within the catchment area of particular SANGs. This change will not result in LSEs on European sites.
MM48	Para 7.89	Policy EE11: Green Infrastructure BOAs are key areas where priority habitat can be created, improved or restored, and are identified as being most effective in the recovery of priority species in a fragmented landscape. Priority habitats and species identified for Runnymede can be found in appendix C. More information about BOAs and possible projects for Green Infrastructure improvements can be found on the Surrey Nature Partnership website https://surreynaturepartnership.org.uk/ourwork/	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM — This change provides further information about BOAs and ideas for potential GI projects. This positive change will not result in LSEs on European sites.
MM49	Para 7.103	Policy EE13: Managing Flood Risk Part of the RTS will involve the construction of a flood channel, built in 3 sections. The second section of this channel which runs from Egham Hythe to Chertsey will be located in Runnymede Borough. It is anticipated that the channel will be constructed during the Plan period and as such, in order to support this strategic flood alleviation scheme which will help reduce flood risk to hundreds of properties in the Borough, the Local Plan seeks to safeguard the route of the proposed flood channel that would be located in Runnymede. The Environment Agency has engaged with landowners affected by the proposed RTS and will continue to engage and consult with landowners as planning applications are prepared.	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM — This change provides an amendment that will not result in LSEs on European sites.
	Policy EE13 final para	The Council supports proposals for strategic flood relief measures (<u>and</u> associated enabling works), including the <u>proposed</u> <u>emerging flood relief measures and</u> channel through Runnymede as part of the wider River Thames Scheme. The <u>land</u> <u>which may be required for</u> the River Thames Scheme <u>proposed route of</u> the channel and the land adjacent to it, as shown	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM – This change provides a better explanation of the land required for the

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		on the Policies Map will be is safeguarded for this purpose. Whilst the safeguarded area shown currently includes some land which is developed or has planning permission for development, it is not envisaged that such land will form part of the works in due course, or that the use of that land will be prejudiced by the scheme of works to be undertaken. The Environment Agency will continue to engage and consult with landowners affected by or immediately adjacent to the scheme of works, to inform future planning proposals to ensure the River Thames Scheme proposal is compatible with existing and future development.	River Thames Scheme and what is meant by safeguarded land. This change will not result in LSEs on European sites.
MM50	Para 7.110	Policy EE14: Extensions and Alterations to and Replacement of Buildings in the Green Belt The addition of a basement to a property is often seen as a way of adding additional footprint floorspace without impacting on the openness of the Green Belt. However, a basement is still an addition to the size of the original or existing building, and as such may result in disproportionality or a materially larger replacement, and therefore be contrary to Green Belt policy, causing harm to the Green Belt.	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM — This change provides a minor grammatical amendment that will not result in LSEs on European sites.
	Policy EE14	The National Planning Policy Framework states that the construction of new buildings is inappropriate development in the Green Belt. Exceptions to this are: a) The extension Proportionate extensions and/or alteration of a building is not inappropriate development provided that it does not result in disproportionate additions over and above the size of the original building, seto existing residential and non-residential buildings taking into account the potential impact on the openness and the purposes of including the land in Green Belt. b) The replacement of a building is not inappropriate development provided the new building is in the same use and is not materially larger than the building it replaces nor cause significant harm to the openness and/or character of the Green Belt. In all cases, development proposals should maintain openness of the Green Belt and not conflict with the purposes of including the land in the Green Belt. In addition, new development should not materially increase the prominence of the development at the site. When assessing a proposal with regard to harm to openness and whether it constitutes inappropriate development, the following considerations will be taken into account: • The planning history of the site (post 1st July 1948) including any previous extensions or enlargements including previous works carried out under permitted development; • The current lawful use of the existing building(s); • The use of the proposed floorspace including mezzanine levels, space under roofs and covered balconies; • Alterations to Existing and proposed floorspace including mezzanine levels, space under roofs and covered balconies; • Alterations to Existing and proposed built footprint which may increase the spread and site coverage and reduce distances to boundaries or materially increase the prominence of the building; • Changes in mass, bulk and height of buildings including roof form changes and features, and any raising off ground to provide voids/flood mitigation;	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM – This change clarifies the Council's approach to buildings in the Green Belt, better aligning the Local Plan with the 2019 NPPF. This includes a more explicit maintenance of the openness of the Green Belt. This change will not result in LSEs on European sites.

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		 Inclusion of features which may impact on openness including basements and sunken areas, light wells, changes to ground levels including any exposed parts of buildings and ramps; Other ancillary aspects of a development proposal such as garages and other outbuildings, walls and gates, areas of hardstanding and their use and external storage will be considered additionally in respect of the built envelope, function and linkages to the main dwelling. These may cumulatively have an unacceptable impact on the openness of the Green Belt. 	
MM51	Policy EE15 1 st para	Policy EE15: Re-use of Buildings in Green Belt The re-use of buildings in the Green Belt may is not be inappropriate provided the buildings are lawful and of permanent and substantial construction, the proposal preserves the openness of the Green Belt and does not conflict with the Green Belt purposes. When assessing proposals for re-use, the following factors considerations will be taken into account:	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM – This change provides for minor grammatical amendments that will not result in LSEs on European sites.
MM52	Policy EE16	In accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework, the provision of facilities for outdoor sport, outdoor recreation and for cemeteries,	

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		Proposals for changes of use of land may not be inappropriate development per se but the change of use should have no greater impact on the openness of the Green Belt and the purpose of including land within it than the existing use. Furthermore, proposals for independent residential <u>occupation</u> <u>use</u> of land <u>associated</u> <u>with husbandry of land or livestock</u> are considered to be inappropriate development and harmful to the Green Belt in principle, <u>including residential use</u> <u>associated with husbandry of land or livestock</u> .	amendment that will not result in LSEs on European sites.
MM55	Policy IE1 Inset Map	Policy IE1: Employment Allocations Appendix 3 contains a summary document, which shows the difference between the existing and amended map at this site.	No Likely Significant Effect – this change applies to aspects of the plan that are irrelevant to European sites.
	Policy IE1 1 st para	This site of 7.9 7.7 ha will deliver a high quality employment development that will:	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM – This change provides an update to the area of an employment site. This will not result in LSEs on European sites.
	Policy IE1 criteria a) and c)	a) Provide <u>a minimum-in the region</u> of 20,000 net additional sqm of B1c/B8 floorspace c) Within the <u>20,000 net additional sq.m</u> total employment floorspace to be provided at the <u>site</u> , a limited (up to a maximum 10%) amount of B2 floorspace may be considered acceptable where it would not have a negative impact on neighbouring residential amenity;	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM – This change provides for minor grammatical amendments to policy wording that will not result in LSEs on European sites.
	Policy IE1 2 nd para	It should be noted that the site is adjacent to the River Wey Navigation and its associated Biodiversity Opportunity Area (BOA) R04 (River Wey & tributaries) and SNCI, as well as including deciduous woodland priority habitat on the northern part of the site. Boundary sensitivities must therefore be respected in the design of any scheme, which should include appropriately designed green infrastructure to protect and buffer the canal to help to deliver against BOA objective R04/O3 (Targets T3b, T3c & T3e).	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM – This change acknowledges the priority deciduous woodland habitat on site. It will not result in LSEs on European sites.
MM56	Policy IE3 5 th bullet point	Support small scale rural offices or other small scale rural employment development, through conversion or redevelopment of existing buildings to provide well-designed new buildings business premises, provided they accord with the Council's Green Belt policies.	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM – This change provides for a minor grammatical amendment to policy wording that will not result in LSEs on European sites.
MM57	Policy IE4 para ii)	Policy IE4: The Visitor Economy	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM – This change provides for a minor grammatical amendment to policy

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		ii) The loss of existing tourist and leisure attractions, including strongly resisted unless replacement facilities of an of provision current catchment area. Alternatively, robust evidence must be a considered and the constant of the con	on_are proposed in a location equally accessible to the facility's	wording that will not result in LSEs on European sites.
MM58	Policy IE6 3 rd para		own centre uses within the secondary shopping frontages, will are retained in A1 use. Residential uses will only be permitted on exceptional circumstances, where the use would not harm the	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM — This change is a clarification of policy wording that will not result in LSEs on European sites.
	Table 3	Table 3-5: Forecast retail growth in the Borough's town centre	es over the Local Plan period <u>(net m²)</u> .	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM – This change provides for minor amendments to Table 3. These changes are irrelevant to European sites.
MM59	Policy IE10 final para	*Student accommodation will be supported as part of resident student accommodation a proportionate reduction in general accommodation is not proposed the higher figure of 120	needs C3 residential units would be provided. If student	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM — This change clarifies the site requirements for the allocation, stating that 120 dwellings will be delivered if no student accommodation is coming forward. However, this change will not result in LSEs on European sites.
MM60	After policy IE10	New Policy IE11: Strodes College Lane allocation Site ref and name Timing Development requirements	2021-2023 This 0.2ha site is located in Egham Town Centre. It is expected that the site will deliver development over the Plan period to include: a) a minimum of 100* units of student accommodation b) A use class* development at ground floor level development for Class A use * at ground floor level	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM – This change introduces a new policy into the Local Plan, which will deliver 100 units of student accommodation. However, the site already has planning permission and therefore does not need to be reassessed here. This change will not result in LSEs on European sites.

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*Planning permission has been granted in February 2019 at the site, which accords with the level of development proposed through this allocation policy.

Residential development would also be supported at the site in the form of a flatted scheme. It is considered that the site could accommodate at least 40 residential units.

In the design of any scheme, special regard will need to be paid to the designated and nondesignated heritage assets in close proximity to, and within the site.

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8 The inset maps for the Opportunity Areas following IE11 will be changed to reflect the new policies numbers given the proposed introduction of IE11.

No Likely Significant Effect of this MM – This change provides for a minor amendment that is irrelevant to European sites.

Para 8.57 – Justification for inclusion of policies IE7 to IE10 8.58

8.57 The NPPF advises that Local Plans should allocate a range of suitable sites to meet the scale and type of: retail, leisure, commercial, office, tourism, cultural, community and residential development needed in town centres, with identified needs being met in full (please note that leisure uses including A3-A5 uses and community and cultural uses are discussed in more detail in policy IE4: visitor economy and in other chapters in this Local Plan including: the Recreation, Green Space and Leisure chapter and Transport and Infrastructure chapter).

No Likely Significant Effect of this MM – This change provides for a minor amendment that is irrelevant to European sites.

8.58 Policies IE7 to <u>IE10</u> <u>IE11</u> seek to comply with Local Plan objectives 4 and 14.

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8 Strodes College Lane Opportunity Area, Egham

Timing

Develo pment

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This 0.2ha site is located in Egham Town Centre and over the period of the Local Plan is considered to present an opportunity for redevelopment. The site has previously benefitted from planning consent for a mixed use

No Likely Significant Effect of this MM – This change accounts for the fact that planning permission for the site has been granted and the site is no longer considered to be an opportunity area. This change has no LSEs on European sites.

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		development which includes 14 residential units (under RU.13/0325). Whilst this consent has now expired, it is considered that this site remains an opportunity area for this type of development. In the design of any scheme, special regard will need to be paid to the designated and non-designated heritage assets in close proximity to, and within the site. This site is within the Total Catchment for the Source Protection Zone (SPZ3) for the potable abstraction at Chertsey. There is the potential for mobilisation of contaminants during development to impact on the Principal Aquifor, in particular as the site was formerly a Dry Cleaners. This should be considered in the design of any development proposal at the site.	
	Para 8.60	Policy <u>IE11-IE12</u> seeks to comply with Local Plan objectives 4 and 14.	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM – This change provides for a minor amendment that is irrelevant to European sites.
	Para 8.62	The local centres identified in Policy <u>IE11 IE13</u> : Local Centres exclude small parades of shops of purely neighbourhood significance. The Council's strategy is to ensure that local centres continue to provide a broad range of services for their local communities, mainly serving specialist local needs or the immediate day to day needs of their local populations.	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM – This change provides for a minor amendment that is irrelevant to European sites.
MM61		Policy IE11: Town Centre Opportunity Areas, Chertsey Opportunity Area: Sainsburys and car park This site is within the Outer Source This site is within the Outer Source Protection For clarity. opportunity Protection Zone (SPZ2) for the potable Zone (SPZ2) for the potable abstraction at area, abstraction at Chertsey and EA records Chertsey and EA records suggest that the area Developmesuggest that the area of the car park was of the car park was formerly a petrol station nt formerly a petrol station (previously (previously remediated). There is the potential opportunity remediated). There is the potential for for mobilisation of contaminants during final para mobilisation of contaminants during development. To	No Likely Significant Effect of this MM – This change explicitly states that any impacts on the principal aquifer will need to be mitigated. This positive change has no LSEs on European sites.

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		mitigate impact on the development. To mitigate impact on the Principal Aquifer should be addressed. There Principal Aquifer should be addressed. is potential for mobilisation of contaminants during development of this site. Therefore, any impacts on the Principal Aquifer will need to be mitigated as part of any development proposals coming forward.	
Addition al Note		Note: Some changes have also been made to the glossary and appendices to the Local Plan. However, these are not part of the main body of the HRA and are therefore not assessed here. Furthermore, these changes generally reflect the changes made to policies and supporting text in the main body of the Local Plan. For example, Appendix A refers to the delivery of at least 7,507 homes (rather than the previously stated 7,480 homes).	

3. Conclusion

3.1 This HRA has examined the potential implications of the Main Modifications for European sites. This assessment has determined that the proposed MMs will not lead to LSEs on European sites and do not introduce impact pathways that weren't already discussed in the 2017 HRA. Therefore, the HRA's conclusions and recommendations can continue to be relied upon.

