

## **Brixton Parish Neighbourhood Plan (BPNP) Modification 2023**

### **Compatibility with Strategic Environment Assessment and Habitats Regulations Assessment.**

#### **Statement of Reason: Scoping Determination/Opinion**

The Strategic Environment Assessment (SEA) Screening Report prepared by SHDC January 2019 concluded that:

*“it is the Council’s opinion that a SEA is not required for the Neighbourhood Plan, due to the limited nature of development proposed and the continuity in land use.”* (page 1).

The BPNP Modification 2023 does not propose any change to any Policy wording. The proposal is for minor extension to the Brixton Open Gap and Green Corridors areas as illustrated in Env Map 3, Objective 3.0 Environment and Landscape. The modification does not propose any development, furthermore, it aims to conserve existing land use and enhance biodiversity. The original conclusion by SHDC that a Strategic Environmental Assessment is not required remains valid and therefore further assessment is not required.

The Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) Screening Report prepared by SHDC January 2019 summarised that:

Table 1: Policy Env4 (a)&(b) Green Corridors (Summary of Aims and Key Environmental Effects): *“Aims to protect the locally important landscape setting of Brixton village. Likely to have positive environmental effects.”*

Table 1: Policy Env6 Brixton Open Gap formerly referred as Brixton Strategic Countryside (Summary of Aims and Key Environmental Effects): *“Aims to protect an area of land from all development except that necessary for local affordable housing needs. Likely to have positive environmental effects.”*

Furthermore the assessment of sites that could potentially be affected by the Brixton Neighbourhood Plan determined that:

#### **2.2 Criteria with which to screen the Neighbourhood Plan**

*“Policies and proposals that fall within categories A and B are considered not to have an effect on a European Site and are not considered further within the HRA process.”* (Page 19).

There is no proposed development in the minor modification to Map Env3 and therefore the proposed modification falls within Category A: No Negative effect. Following the initial screening opinion, and subsequent Site Assessments for Development report, SHDC determined that an Appropriate HRA was necessary.

The original assessment was carried out by SHDC and found acceptable to finalise all the Policies within Plan.

As the modification does not propose development a further HRA assessment is not required.

#### **Appendix: SEA and HRA Screening Report January 2019**