

# REVIEW OF THE CORE STRATEGY SCREENING ASSESSMENT

**Title of Plan:** Core Strategy Review

**Location of Plan:** The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea (Please see attached plan showing relationship to the international designation)

**International Nature Conservation Site:** Richmond Park and Wimbledon Common

**Description of Plan:** The Core Strategy is the plan to guide development in the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea up to the year 2028. Various parts of the Core Strategy are being reviewed over time. This screening assessment relates to the review of the Core Strategy policies on housing and basement development is, as well as incorporating extant policies from the UDP relating to Conservation and Design and Miscellaneous Matters.

The policies of the above plan have been assessed to find out if they would affect the European sites. The following table shows the results of the assessment. The characteristics of the sites are shown after the policy assessment table.

<b>Submission Housing Publication Planning Policy</b>				
POLICY NO.	POLICY	WHY POLICY WILL HAVE NO IMPACT ON NATURA 2000 SITES	LIKELY TO HAVE AN IMPACT	ESSENTIAL RECOMMENDATIONS TO AVOID POTENTIAL NEGATIVE EFFECTS ON EUROPEAN SITES
CH2	<b>Housing Diversity</b>	The policy is intended to ensure new housing development is provided so as to further refine the grain of the mix of housing across the Borough. These measures will not be likely to have any effect on a European Site.	<b>NO</b>	<b>None</b>

<b>Submission Basement Publication Planning Policy</b>				
POLICY NO.	POLICY	WHY POLICY WILL HAVE NO IMPACT ON NATURA 2000 SITES	LIKELY TO HAVE AN IMPACT	ESSENTIAL RECOMMENDATIONS TO AVOID POTENTIAL NEGATIVE EFFECTS ON EUROPEAN SITES
<b>CL 7</b>	<b>Basements</b>	The policy is intended to conserve or enhance the natural, built or historic environment, the local biodiversity and drainage capabilities. Restricting the size of basement will limit the extent and duration of construction, and hence construction impact. This will improve the living conditions of neighbours and of residents in neighbourhoods where there is a substantial amount of basement development. These measures will not be likely to have any effect on a European Site.	<b>NO</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>Miscellaneous Matters Publication Planning Policies</b>				
POLICY NO.	POLICY	WHY POLICY WILL HAVE NO IMPACT ON NATURA 2000 SITES	LIKELY TO HAVE AN IMPACT	ESSENTIAL RECOMMENDATIONS TO AVOID POTENTIAL NEGATIVE EFFECTS ON EUROPEAN SITES
<b>CF 9</b>	<b>Temporary Sleeping Accommodation</b>	The policy is being updated and not substantially altered. These measures will not be likely to have any effect on a European Site.	<b>NO</b>	<b>None</b>

<b>CF 10</b>	<b>Diplomatic and Allied Uses</b>	The policy is being updated and not substantially altered. These measures will not be likely to have any effect on a European Site.	<b>NO</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>CR 7</b>	<b>Servicing</b>	The policy is being updated and not substantially altered. These measures will not be likely to have any effect on a European Site.	<b>NO</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>CT1</b>	<b>Improving alternatives to car use</b>	The policy is being updated and not substantially altered. These measures will not be likely to have any effect on a European Site.	<b>NO</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>CE1</b>	<b>Climate Change</b>	The policy is being updated and not substantially altered. These measures will not be likely to have any effect on a European Site.	<b>NO</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>CE4</b>	<b>Biodiversity</b>	The policy is being updated to make reference to biodiversity and ecosystem targets. These measures will not be likely to have any effect on a European Site.	<b>NO</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>CE6</b>	<b>Noise and Vibration</b>	The policy is being updated and not substantially altered. These measures will not be likely to have any effect on a European Site.	<b>NO</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>CE7</b>	<b>Contaminated Land</b>	This policy relates to sites within the Borough boundaries. These measures will not be likely to have any effect on a European Site.	<b>NO</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>CP3</b>	<b>Places</b>	The policy is being updated to refer to the economic success of the borough's Places. These measures will not be likely to have any effect on a European Site.	<b>NO</b>	<b>None</b>

<b>CP4</b>	<b>Quality</b>	The Council will safeguard the existing high quality townscape and finely grained mix of uses to uphold the residential quality of life. These measures will not be likely to have any effect on a European Site	<b>NO</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>Conservation and Design Publication Planning Policies</b>				
<b>POLICY NO.</b>	<b>POLICY</b>	<b>WHY POLICY WILL HAVE NO IMPACT ON NATURA 2000 SITES</b>	<b>LIKELY TO HAVE AN IMPACT</b>	<b>ESSENTIAL RECOMMENDATIONS TO AVOID POTENTIAL NEGATIVE EFFECTS ON EUROPEAN SITES</b>
<b>CR 4</b>	<b>Streetscape</b>	The policy is being updated and not substantially altered. These measures will not be likely to have any effect on a European Site.	<b>NO</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>CR 5</b>	<b>Parks, Gardens, Open Spaces and Waterways</b>	The policy is being updated and not substantially altered. These measures will not be likely to have any effect on a European Site.	<b>NO</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>CL 1</b>	<b>Context and Character</b>	The policy is being updated and not substantially altered. These measures will not be likely to have any effect on a European Site.	<b>NO</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>CL2</b>	<b>Design Quality</b>	The policy is being updated and not substantially altered. These measures will not be likely to have any effect on a European Site.	<b>NO</b>	<b>None</b>

## Sites:

Site name	Designation and code	Reason for designation	Condition and threats	Comments
Richmond Park	(SAC) UK0030246	Richmond Park has a large number of ancient trees with decaying timber. It is at the heart of the south London centre of distribution for <b>stag beetle <i>Lucanus cervus</i></b> (for which this is one of only four known outstanding localities in the United Kingdom), and is a site of national importance for the conservation of the fauna of invertebrates associated with the decaying timber of ancient trees.	The site is surrounded by urban area and therefore experiences high levels of recreational pressure. The whole site has been declared a NNR.	
Wimbledon Common	(SAC) UK0030301	Wimbledon Common has a large number of old trees and much fallen decaying timber. It is at the heart of the south London centre of distribution for <b>stag beetle <i>Lucanus cervus</i></b> , and a relatively large number of records were received from this site during a recent nationwide survey for the species (Percy <i>et al.</i> 2000). The site supports a number of other scarce invertebrate species associated with decaying timber.	The site is located in an urban area and therefore experiences heavy recreational pressure.	The area supports a significant presence of following habitats: - Northern Atlantic wet heaths with <i>Erica tetralix</i> . - European dry heaths  These habitats are present as a qualifying feature, but they are not a primary reason for selection of this site.

After the assessment of the above policies, we conclude that they are not likely to affect the mentioned sites.

# HABITATS ASSESSMENT SITES

