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Dear Mr Wade,

**Examination of Draft Policies relating to the Protection of Public Houses and Other uses in the Royal borough of Kensington and Chelsea**

Thank you for correspondence in respect of the above consultation dated 15 February 2013.

Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.

Natural England has previously been consulted on the above document and provided comments on earlier iterations and drafts of the above policy.

**Consultation under Regulation 61 of the Habitats Regulations 2010<sup>i</sup>**

The nature of the consultation document is a Policy document, setting aims and objectives for the protection of specified facilities and uses. The document does not propose or identify specific projects or schemes to be delivered within the borough, but offers advice and guidance for those who wish to develop such schemes. Policy documents need to determine the potential for impact on European and RAMSAR sites, in accordance with the requirements of the Habitats Regulations in particular Regulation 61.

Based on the information provided, Natural England is satisfied that, the proposed policy document would not be likely to have a significant effect on the interest features for which the European and RAMSAR sites are designated, either alone or in combination with other plans or projects.

The conclusion of the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, that a Habitats Regulation Assessment in respect of this document, comprising a full Appropriate Assessment is not required can be accepted by Natural England, and there is sufficient information contained within the documents submitted previously for consultation to support this response.

However, should the policies be altered, amended or changed Natural England expects to be re-consulted.

We really value your feedback to help us improve the service we offer. We have attached a feedback form to this letter and welcome any comments you might have about our service.

For clarification of any points in this letter, please contact David Hammond on 0300 060 1373. For any new consultations or issues, please contact [consultations@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:consultations@naturalengland.org.uk).

Yours sincerely

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<sup>i</sup> The Conservation of Habitats and Species regulations 2010