

Date: 26 July 2018
Our ref: 252195
Your ref: HRA and Tower Hamlets Local Plan



Sean Nicholson
Principal Consultant
Wood (formerly Amec Foster Wheeler)

Hornbeam House
Crewe Business Park
Electra Way
Crewe
Cheshire
CW1 6GJ

BY EMAIL ONLY

Sean.nicholson@woodplc.com

T 0300 060 3900

Dear Mr Nicholson

Thank you for contacting Natural England regarding the Tower Hamlets Draft Local Plan - HRA Screening Report.

Natural England has considered the September 2017 report in light of the recent judgement of the Court of Justice for the European Union on 12 April 2018¹. The judgement determined that a full and precise analysis of the measures capable of avoiding or reducing any significant effects on the European sites concerned must be carried out, not at the HRA screening stage, but specifically at the stage of the Appropriate Assessment.

Natural England are satisfied that the September 2017 report has been carried out in accordance with the Court of Justice for the European Union judgement and sufficiently demonstrates that the Plan will not have any adverse effect on the integrity of European sites, as it concludes that no measures are required to mitigate for any significant effects on European sites through an Appropriate Assessment.

Natural England is also satisfied with the conclusions of the report in relation to air pollution.

Yours sincerely

Sally Tainton
Consultations Team

¹ People over Wind and Sweetman v Coillte Teoranta, Case C-323/17: Consideration of avoidance and reduction measures in Habitat Regulations Assessment.