

Welwyn Hatfield Draft Local Plan Proposed Further Main Modifications
Sustainability Appraisal (SA) and Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA)

Summary Statement

Following the Inspector issuing a schedule of proposed Further Main Modifications to the draft Local Plan, addendums to the Sustainability Appraisal (SA) and Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) have been prepared to assess the implications of any proposed changes at Further Main Modifications stage to the previously reported SA/HRA findings.

The addendums have identified the Further Main Modifications will not alter any of the SA findings previously recorded in the August 2016 SA Report and the subsequent addendum reports and erratum, including the Main Modifications SA Addendum created in 2022.

The updated HRA also found that the proposed Further Main Modifications will not alter the findings of the Main Modifications version of the HRA which stated that adverse effects on the integrity of European sites can be ruled out. However, the issues relating to the capacity of Rye Meads Wastewater Treatment Works (WwTW) and its relationship with Lee Valley SPA and Ramsar site still stand and need to be planned carefully and monitored, particularly for future development beyond the plan period or if other authorities in the catchment of Rye Meads WwTW propose to deliver more development than currently planned.

Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council