



Local Plan for the Broads
Comments received in amended HRA
July 2018

1. Introduction

- 1.1. During the early stages of the Local Plan examination in public, the Inspector asked the Broads Authority about the impact of a recent Court of Justice of the European Union judgement relating to Habitat Regulation Assessments on the Local Plan for the Broads.
- 1.2. Natural England's advice was to amend HRAs that are supporting local plans that are yet to be adopted in line with the ruling.
- 1.3. The HRA for the Local Plan for the Broads has been amended and a short consultation with some key stakeholders was held in July 2018. There was general support from these stakeholders and their comments are copied below.

2. Comments received

- 2.1. **Natural England:** Having reviewed the report, Natural England is happy to agree with the findings of the revised HRA.
- 2.2. **Norfolk Wildlife Trust:** NWT don't have any comments on this.
- 2.3. **Suffolk Wildlife Trust:** Thank you for consulting us on the amendments to the Broads Local Plan HRA, I can confirm that we have no comments to make on the amended document.
- 2.4. **Norfolk County Council:** In my opinion, the original HRA was of high quality and the changes made in the light of the ruling appear sensible and reasonable. As such, I have no formal comments to make.
- 2.5. **Suffolk County Council:** I've spoken to our lead ecologist and we don't have any comment to make on your HRA addendum.
- 2.6. **Environment Agency:** Just a short note to confirm that we don't have any comments to make on the amended HRA.
- 2.7. **RSPB:** no comment received.

3. Conclusion

- 3.1. These comments seem to indicate general acceptance of the amended HRA. The amended HRA has also been endorsed by Natural England and has been endorsed by Planning Committee and Full Authority at the Broads Authority as the Competent Authority.