



### Background

During the Regulation 16 consultation, Natural England (NE) raised an objection to the emerging NDP, as it did not sufficiently take into account Policy 4 of the now adopted North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy. Specifically this concerns mitigation payments by developers to protect the Upper Nene Special Protection Area (SPA), required for all residential developments within a 3km buffer zone of the SPA.

At the Regulation 14 consultation stage, the SPA 3km buffer zone was not defined and it was believed that the parish was outside it. The final 3km buffer zone has since been agreed, resulting in parts of the parish now being within the buffer zone. The NE Regulation 16 objection was therefore to ensure the emerging NDP recognises this. Since the NDP could not proceed until this was addressed, ENC ran a short consultation exercise on a revised Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA), taking the SPA buffer zone into account, and this has now been completed. The following documents relate to this consultation exercise and the responses received.

### Documents

Natural England Representation – related documentation			
Doc Ref:	Title	Author	Date
<a href="#">NDP-0217</a>	Planning consultation – Reg 14 HRA Screening opinion	<i>Natural England</i>	17 <sup>th</sup> December 2014
<a href="#">NDP-0308</a>	Planning consultation – Reg 16 HRA screening opinion	<i>Natural England</i>	16 <sup>th</sup> May 2015
<a href="#">NDP-0309</a>	ENC response to the NE response to <a href="#">NDP-0308</a> Regulation 16 consultation and supporting discussion e-mails.	<i>East Northamptonshire Council</i>	August/September 2016
<a href="#">NDP-0310</a>	ENC HRA Screening Update	<i>East Northamptonshire Council</i>	4 <sup>th</sup> October 2016
<a href="#">NDP-0311</a>	Planning consultation – Reg 16 HRA screening opinion	<i>Natural England</i>	26 <sup>th</sup> October 2016