



Hinckley & Bosworth  
Borough Council

## **Markfield Neighbourhood Plan**

### **Habitat Regulations Assessment Determination**

Schedule 2 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 makes provision in relation to the Habitats Directive. The Directive requires that any plan or project, likely to have a significant effect on a European site, must be subject to an appropriate assessment. To achieve this, paragraph 1 prescribes a basic condition that the making of a neighbourhood plan is not likely to have a significant effect on a European site or a European offshore marine site.

Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) screening is a requirement of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017. HRA considers the potential adverse impacts of plans and projects on designated Special Areas of Conservation (SACs), classified Special Protection Areas (SPAs) and listed Ramsar sites – collectively known as the Natura 2000 network.

It is the opinion of Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council that a full Habitats Regulations Appropriate Assessment of the current Markfield Neighbourhood Plan is not required, as it is unlikely to have a significant effect on any designated sites. The justification for this is contained within the Markfield Neighbourhood Plan Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening Report (August 2020).

A copy of this screening opinion and the associated screening report will be available on the Council's website (Neighbourhood Planning webpage) or can be viewed at:

Hinckley Hub  
Rugby Road  
Hinckley  
Leicestershire  
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