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## Introduction

This technical note has been prepared by Peter Brett Associates LLP (PBA) on behalf of Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council (RCBC) to confirm the continued validity of the South Tees Area Supplementary Planning Document Environmental Report ('the ER') and Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) Report in light of the consultation which took place regarding these documents, and the related Draft South Tees Area Supplementary Planning Document ('the Draft SPD'), from 26<sup>th</sup> March – 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2018. In doing so the note considers whether any substantive or non-substantive changes or clarifications are needed in respect of the ER or the HRA Report.

## Overview of South Tees Area Environmental Report and Habitats Regulations Assessment Report

The ER and HRA Report were prepared by PBA on behalf of RCBC, acting in partnership with the South Tees Development Corporation (STDC), to assess the likely environmental effects and effects on European Sites of the emerging South Tees Area SPD. Both reports assessed all substantive components of the Draft SPD and proposed mitigation and enhancement measures to address identified uncertainties and improve its environmental performance. Taking account of these measures, which were incorporated into the Draft SPD prior to its publication, the ER concluded that it would result in a number of significant beneficial effects, with no significant adverse effects predicted. The HRA similarly concluded that the Draft SPD would not lead to adverse effects on the integrity of any European Sites.

## Review of Relevant Consultation Responses

A total of 13 representations were submitted to RCBC in respect of the Draft SPD and associated documents, of which two included comments regarding the SEA Environmental Report and HRA Report. These were submitted by Natural England and Historic England. Several other representations provided comments relating to environmental issues addressed within the Draft SPD, without specifically commenting on the ER or HRA Report. RCBC proposes to make a suite of minor changes to the Draft SPD to take account of the comments received.

The representation submitted by Historic England was supportive of the approach taken to the consideration of heritage matters within the ER and welcomed the SEA mitigation which has been incorporated into STDC Development Principle 8 – Preserving Industrial Heritage. No substantive changes to the ER were requested, although Historic England sought clarity regarding whether the listed South Gare Lighthouse is situated within the STDC area and requested consequential amendments to STDC Development Principle 15 – Coastal

Community Zone. Historic England also requested that all designated heritage assets within the proximity of the STDC area be identified.

In response, it can be confirmed that the Grade II listed South Gare Lighthouse is the only designated heritage asset within the STDC area and is located at its northern most tip. A list of other designated heritage assets located within approximately 500 metres of the STDC area is provided for reference in **Appendix A**.

The representation submitted by Natural England was similarly supportive of the SEA and HRA carried out in respect of the Draft SPD. This representation requested minor clarifications to the SPD but did not seek any substantive changes.

## **Continued Validity of the South Tees Area SPD Environmental Report and HRA Report**

Having reviewed the schedule of proposed post-consultation changes to the Draft SPD, PBA has concluded that due to their minor nature, these changes would not alter the conclusions previously reached within the ER or the HRA Report (March 2018) with regards to the likely significant effects of the SPD. In particular:

- The minor clarifications proposed to paragraph 3.47 in relation to the HRA process would not alter the substantive effects of STDC Development Principle 5 – Transport Infrastructure. Paragraph 3.47 provides appropriate guidance to seek to avoid likely significant effects on European Sites from transport infrastructure and other development proposals within the STDC area;
- The re-naming of STDC Development Principle 12 from ‘North East Ecological Industrial Zone’ to ‘North East Industrial Zone’ would have no substantive effect. All references to the North East Ecological Industrial Zone within the South Tees Area SPD ER and HRA Report should now be read as referring to the North East Industrial Zone; and,
- The changes proposed to STDC Development Principle 15 – Coastal Community Zone to reflect the inclusion of the Grade II listed South Gare Lighthouse in this area would strengthen the SPD’s protection of the historic environment, but this Development Principle was already assessed as having a likely Major Positive (i.e. significant beneficial) effect on SA Objective 2 – Placemaking, which includes consideration of effects on cultural heritage. No new or different significant effects are therefore predicted.

It can therefore be concluded that the proposed post-consultation changes to the SPD would not materially alter the conclusions of the South Tees Area SPD ER or HRA Report and would not affect their continued validity. Both documents should therefore be read by RCBC members when determining whether to formally approve the SPD.

Following the formal approval of the SPD, an SEA Post Adoption Statement will be produced. In accordance with statutory requirements this will set out, amongst other matters, how environmental considerations and the SEA process have been taken into account in the SPD and how the likely significant effects of the SPD will be monitored.

## Appendix A: Relevant Heritage Assets within 500m of STDC Area

Location	Designated Heritage Assets
Coatham	Part of Coatham Conservation Area Grade II listed Christ Church Grade II listed Lychgate and Boundary Wall North of Christ Church
Marsh Farm House	Grade II Marsh Farmhouse and Farm Cottage Grade II listed Barn and Stable North West of Marsh Farmhouse Grade II listed Garden Wall South of Marsh Farmhouse
Dormanstown	Grade II listed 1-20 Dormans Crecent
South Bank	Grade II listed Church of St John the Evangelist Grade II* listed Baptist Church Grade II listed War Memorial Grade II listed 1 Millbank Street Grade II listed Church of St Peter Grade II listed War Memorial South West of Church of St Peter

Data sourced from MAGIC Map Application