

PfE Response to IN 22 Supplementary Question relating to site allocations within 400m, 2.5km or 7km of the South Pennine Moors

SQAP30. Which, if any, site allocations in the Plan are within 400m, 2.5km or 7km of the South Pennine Moors SAC or SPA? Further to the proposed modifications to JP-G5 in relation to the Habitats Regulation Assessment, are any modifications required to the development requirements in the policies relating to those allocations?

PfE Response

1. There are no PfE allocations within 400m of the South Pennine Moors SAC and SPAs.
2. Four PfE allocations are wholly or partially within 2.5km of the South Pennine Moors SAC and SPAs, they are:
 - JPA 15 Chew Brook Vale (Oldham), wholly within 2.5km.
 - JPA 22 Land North of Smithy Bridge (Rochdale), wholly within 2.5km.
 - JPA 23 Newhey Quarry (Rochdale), approximately 5-10% of the site is within 2.5km, at the eastern side of the site.
 - JPA 24 Roch Valley (Rochdale), approximately 10% of the site is within 2.5km, at the eastern side of the site.
3. Eight PfE allocations are wholly or partially within 7km of the South Pennine Moors SAC and SPAs, they are:
 - JPA 12 Beal Valley (Oldham), wholly within 7km.
 - JPA 14 Broadbent Moss (Oldham), approximately 90% of the site is within 7km.
 - JPA 15 Chew Brook Vale (Oldham), wholly within 7km.
 - JPA 16 Cowlshaw, approximately 50% of the site is within 7km.
 - JPA 22 Land North of Smithy Bridge (Rochdale), wholly within 7km.
 - JPA 23 Newhey Quarry (Rochdale), wholly within 7km.
 - JPA 24 Roch Valley (Rochdale), wholly within 7km.
 - JPA 31 Godley Green Garden Village (Tameside), approximately 50% of the site is within 7km.

Modifications to policies

4. The Habitat Regulation Assessment (HRA) found the allocations that are within 2.5km of the South Pennine Moors SAC and SPAs, referred to above, do not provide foraging habitats for the qualifying bird species of the South Pennine Moors SPAs and as such are not functionally linked to the

SPAs. Consequently, no modifications are proposed to the Plan to require the allocations within 2.5km to assess foraging bird habitats on site that would be linked to the SPAs in accordance with our proposed main modification to JP-G5 through the addition of a criterion 7 (b) in GMCA 21.

5. For allocations that are within 7km of the South Pennine Moors SAC and SPAs, our proposed main modification to add a criterion 7 (c) to JP-G5 in GMCA21 requires new residential development to mitigate recreation disturbance impacts on the SAC and SPAs through the provision of, or contribution to, suitable alternative natural greenspace and contribute towards the implementation of a Strategic Access, Monitoring and Management Strategy for the SAC and SPAs.
6. We propose to further modify criterion 7 (c) by listing the allocations in the Plan to which the criterion applies and to modify the relevant allocation policies by referring to the requirements of criterion 7 (c). The proposed modifications are set out below.
7. Modifications within the Proposed Main Modification Schedule are shown as **red text**. Further modifications to those changes to respond to SQAP30 are shown as **red text highlighted in yellow**.

JP-G5 Uplands

8. Modifications to JP-G5, criterion 7 (c):

Within 7km of the SAC and SPAs boundaries, new residential development will be required to mitigate recreation disturbance impacts on the SAC and SPAs through:

- (i) the provision of on-site suitable alternative natural greenspace or financially contribute to off-site provision of such greenspace; and
- (ii) A financial contribution to the implementation of a Strategic Access, Monitoring and Management Strategy for the SAC and SPAs.

With regards to allocations within this Plan, Criterion 7 (c) applies to the PfE allocations listed below:

- Policy JP Allocation 12 'Beal Valley'
- Policy JP Allocation 14 'Broadbent Moss'
- Policy JP Allocation 15 'Chew Brook Vale'
- Policy JP Allocation 16 'Cowlshaw'
- Policy JP Allocation 22 'Land North of Smithy Bridge'

- Policy JP Allocation 23 'Newhey Quarry'
- Policy JP Allocation 24 'Roch Valley'
- Policy JP Allocation 31 'Godley Green Garden Village'

Allocations

JPA 12 Beal Valley

9. An additional criterion between criterion 13 and criterion 14:

Mitigate the recreation disturbance impacts on the South Pennine Moors SAC/SPAs with reference to JP-G5, criterion 7 (c).

10. Insert an additional paragraph into the reasoned justification between 11.140 and 11.141, as follows:

The Habitat Regulation Assessment for the Plan found that development within 7km of the SAC and SPAs will increase recreation pressures on these designated wildlife habitat sites. Consequently, development on site should mitigate the recreation disturbance impacts on the South Pennine Moors SAC/SPAs with reference to JP-G5, criterion 7 (c).

JPA 14 Broadbent Moss

11. Amend criterion 14 of the policy, as follows:

14. Have regard to the recommendations of the Habitat Regulations Assessment and provide further surveys on phase 1 habitats, badgers, amphibians (including great crested newts) and bat surveys to inform any planning application;

12. Insert an additional criterion between criterion 14 and criterion 15, as follows:

Mitigate the recreation disturbance impacts on the South Pennine Moors SAC/SPAs with reference to JP-G5, criterion 7 (c).

13. Insert an additional paragraph into the reasoned justification between 11.165 and 11.166, as follows:

The Habitat Regulation Assessment for the Plan found that development within 7km of the SAC and SPAs will increase recreation pressures on these designated wildlife habitat sites. Consequently, development on site should mitigate the recreation disturbance impacts

on the South Pennine Moors SAC/SPAs with reference to JP-G5, criterion 7 (c).

JPA15 Chew Brook Vale

14. Amend criterion 11, as follows:

11. Ensure that development does not have an adverse impact on the integrity of the nearby Special Protection Area (SPA) and Special Area of Conservation (SAC). The recommendations from the Habitat Regulations Assessment must be considered; Mitigate the recreation disturbance impacts on the South Pennine Moors SAC/SPAs with reference to JP-G5, criterion 7 (c);

15. Insert an additional paragraph into the reasoned justification between 11.177 and 11.178, as follows:

The Habitat Regulation Assessment for the Plan found that development within 7km of the SAC and SPAs will increase recreation pressures on these designated wildlife habitat sites. Consequently, development on site should mitigate the recreation disturbance impacts on the South Pennine Moors SAC/SPAs with reference to JP-G5, criterion 7 (c).

JPA 16 Cowlshaw

16. Insert an additional criterion between criteria 9 and 10, as follows:

Mitigate the recreation disturbance impacts on the South Pennine Moors SAC/SPAs with reference to JP-G5, criterion 7 (c).

17. Insert an additional paragraph into the reasoned justification between 11.187 and 11.188, as follows:

The Habitat Regulation Assessment for the Plan found that development within 7km of the SAC and SPAs will increase recreation pressures on these designated wildlife habitat sites. Consequently, development on site that is within 7km of the SAC and SPAs should mitigate the recreation disturbance impacts on the South Pennine Moors SAC/SPAs with reference to JP-G5, criterion 7 (c).

JPA 22 Land North of Smithy Bridge

18. Insert an additional criterion between criterion 9 and 10, as follows:

Mitigate the recreation disturbance impacts on the South Pennine Moors SAC/SPAs with reference to JP-G5, criterion 7 (c).

19. Insert an additional paragraph into the reasoned justification between 11.232 and 11.233, as follows:

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JPA 23 Newhey Quarry

20. Insert an additional criterion after criterion 12, as follows:

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21. Insert an additional paragraph into the reasoned justification after 11.238, as follows:

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JPA 24 Roch Valley

22. Insert an additional criterion after criterion 10, as follows:

Mitigate the recreation disturbance impacts on the South Pennine Moors SAC/SPAs with reference to JP-G5, criterion 7 (c).

23. Insert an additional paragraph in the reasoned justification after 11.244, as follows:

The Habitat Regulation Assessment for the Plan found that development within 7km of the SAC and SPAs will increase recreation pressures on these designated wildlife habitat sites. Consequently, development on site should mitigate the recreation disturbance impacts on the South Pennine Moors SAC/SPAs with reference to JP-G5, criterion 7 (c).

JPA 31 Godley Green Garden Village:

24. An additional criterion to the policy between criterion 21 and criterion 22:

Mitigate the recreation disturbance impacts on the South Pennine Moors SAC/SPAs with reference to JP-G5, criterion 7 (c).

25. Insert an additional paragraph in the reasoned between 11.299 and 11.300, as follows:

The Habitat Regulation Assessment for the Plan found that development within 7km of the SAC and SPAs will increase recreation pressures on these designated wildlife habitat sites. Consequently, development on site that is within 7km of the SAC and SPAs should mitigate the recreation disturbance impacts on the South Pennine Moors SAC/SPAs with reference to JP-G5, criterion 7 (c).