

**Oldham Borough Council  
Record of Decision**



1. **TITLE:** Approval of the initial Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Determination Statements and Habitat Regulation Assessment (HRA) Screening Statements for the South Pennines Special Area of Conservation (SAC) and Special Protection Area (SPA) Supplement

2. **SERVICE AREA:** Strategic Planning

3. **PURPOSE OF DECISION**

To approve the initial Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Determination Statements and Habitat Regulation Assessment (HRA) Screening Statements for the South Pennines Special Area of Conservation (SAA) and Special Protection Area (SPA) Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) and Holcroft Moss Planning Obligations SPD for consultation with the Environment Agency, Historic England, and Natural England on whether an environmental assessment is required.

In accordance with:

- a) Regulation 63 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended) and European Directive 92/43/EEC (the Habitats Directive); and
- b) Regulation 9 (3) of the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 and European Directive 2001/42/EC.

4. **DECISION MADE BY:** Cabinet Member - Decent Homes and Statutory Deputy Leader, Director of Economy

5. **DECISION:**

RESOLVED - That:

To approve the initial Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Determination Statements and Habitat Regulation Assessment (HRA) Screening Statements for the South Pennines SAC / SPA SPD and Holcroft Moss Planning Obligations SPD for consultation with the Environment Agency, Historic England, and Natural England on whether an environmental assessment is required. The statements will also be published on the GMCA's website and made available via [www.oldham.gov.uk](http://www.oldham.gov.uk).

6. **REASON FOR DECISION**

Option 1 - To approve the initial Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Determination Statements and Habitat Regulation Assessment (HRA) Screening Statements for the South Pennines SAC / SPA SPD and Holcroft Moss Planning Obligations SPD for consultation with the Environment Agency, Historic England, and Natural England on whether an environmental assessment is required.

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Option 2 - To not approve the initial screening determinations for the South Pennines SAC / SPA SPD and Holcroft Moss Planning Obligations SPD for consultation with the Environment Agency, Historic England, and Natural England on whether an environmental assessment is required. This would not be in accordance with the relevant regulations and would undermine preparation of both SPDs.

## 7. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

Option 2 - To not approve the initial screening determinations for the South Pennines SAC / SPA SPD and Holcroft Moss Planning Obligations SPD for consultation with the Environment Agency, Historic England, and Natural England on whether an environmental assessment is required. This would not be in accordance with the relevant regulations and would undermine preparation of both SPDs.

## 8. INTERESTS AND NATURE OF INTERESTS DECLARED

None

9. **PRINCIPAL GROUPS CONSULTED:** Not applicable

10. **DOCUMENT CONSIDERED:** Approval of the initial Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Determination Statements and Habitat Regulation Assessment (HRA) Screening Statements for the South Pennines Special Area of Conservation (SAC) and Special Protection Area (SPA) Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) and the Holcroft Moss Planning Obligations SPD Appendix 1 - South Pennine Moors Special Area of Conservation (SAC) / Special Protection Areas (SPA) Supplementary Planning Document - Initial SEA Determination Statement  
Appendix 2 - South Pennine Moors Special Area of Conservation (SAC) / Special Protection Areas (SPAs) Supplementary Planning Document – Habitat Regulation Assessment Screening Statement  
Appendix 3 - Holcroft Moss Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document – Habitat Regulation Assessment Screening Statement  
Appendix 4 - Holcroft Moss Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document – Habitat Regulation Assessment Screening Statement