

RECORD OF INDIVIDUAL EXECUTIVE DECISION MADE BY AN OFFICER

Decision Maker	Decision Type	Date
Paul Clifford, Director of Economy	Administrative Decision	22 July 2024

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

Exempt/Confidential Report		No
Key Decision ¹		No

Decision (s) ²

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.

Reasons for the decision(s)³

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

¹ If the decision is Key Please use Key Decision Template.

² Brief details of the decision should be inserted. This note must set out the substance of the decision, options considered and the reason for deciding on the chosen option, although care must be taken not to disclose any confidential or exempt information. Please include proposed timescales for commencement and / or completion of implementation as appropriate.

³ Reasons for the decision must be given.

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.

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Options/Alternatives considered ⁴

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.

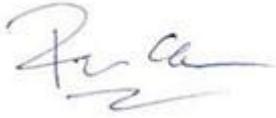
Conflict of Interest declared⁵

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⁴ Options must be given.

⁵ If none, please state none. No Member having a disclosable pecuniary interest or officer having an interest in any matter (whether pecuniary or otherwise required to be declared) should take a decision in relation to that matter. Other interests of a non-disqualifying nature should be recorded here. Any dispensation in place in relation to the matter should also be recorded here. This may include other elected Members, officers, stakeholders and the local community.

(Signature of Director)



Decision made pursuant to:

- a) General delegation under the Council's officer scheme of delegation. Non-contract decisions up to £250k.**

⁶ The signatory must be duly authorised by Executive Director to make a decision in accordance with the relevant sub-delegation scheme. It is not acceptable for the signature to be 'pp' for the authorised signatory.