Basements – Revised Draft Supplementary Planning Document, June 2015

SA/SEA Screening Opinion Statement

The Council produced a Screening Report on the Basements Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) during the course of its preparation. The Screening Report was produced in December 2014 and English Heritage (now known as Historic England), Natural England and the Environment Agency1 were consulted on the Screening Opinion, from 10 December 2014 to 21 January 2015.

The Council received responses on the Screening Report, December 2014 from the Environment Agency and English Heritage (now known as Historic England). Both of these responses conclude that the Basements SPD does not require a Strategic Environmental Assessment or Sustainability Appraisal.

The Council produced a Final SA/SEA Screening Opinion in February 2015, after consulting the consultation bodies and taking into account the criteria specified in Schedule 1 of the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004. The Final SA/SEA Screening Opinion concluded that the Basements SPD does not require a SEA/SA for the reasons set out in the Screening Report, December 2014.

The Screening Report and the responses received from the Environment Agency and English Heritage (now known as Historic England) were available on-line as part of the Basements SPD consultation at https://planningconsult.rbkc.gov.uk/consult.ti/BaseSPD/consultationHome. The Council did not receive any comments on the Final SA/SEA Screening Report.

This Final Screening Opinion produced in February 2015 remains unaltered as the amendments made in the Revised Draft Basements SPD are not substantive and do not change the principles of the guidance set out in the Draft Basements SPD.

Equalities Impact Assessment


The outcome of the analysis was that the impacts on the various strands of equality were either neutral or positive. No comments were received on the Equalities Impact Assessment as part of the consultation on the Draft Basements SPD in February/March 2015.

The amendments made in the Revised Draft Basements SPD are not substantive and do not change the principles of the guidance set out in the Draft Basements SPD. As a result the conclusions in the Equalities Impact Assessment of the Draft Basements SPD are also unaltered.