

16. Impact assessments

16.1 Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA)

16.1.1 The Council has published an Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA) Scoping report as part of this consultation to inform the emerging Local Plan Partial Review. The IIA Scoping report is available to download from www.rbkc.gov.uk/planningpolicy and scopes out how impacts should be assessed in terms of:

- Sustainability Appraisal (SA) / Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA);
- Equalities Impact Assessment (EqIA);
- Health Impact Assessment (HIA); and
- Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) (see section 16.2).

16.1.2 The legislative, policy and guidance context for the IIA is detailed within the report itself and will not be duplicated here.

16.1.3 The Council has a statutory duty to consult Historic England, Natural England and the Environment Agency on the SA/SEA element. However, the Council has made the report available so that any stakeholder may respond should they wish. The questions asked within the IIA Scoping report are as follows:

Question 1

Are there any other Policies, Plans, Programmes, Strategies and Initiatives (PPPSIs) which should be considered for review?

Question 2

Do you have any comments on the accuracy, scope and coverage of the baseline data or know of any further data or indicators that might provide useful information? If so, please provide details.

Question 3

Do you have any comments on the sustainability issues and problems identified for the Borough or know of any further issues and problems that should be included?

Question 4

Do you have any comments on the IIA objectives or know of any further IIA objectives that should be considered?

Question 5

Do you have any comments on the assessment framework?

16.2 Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA)

- 16.2.1 The Council has published Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) Screening report as part of this consultation to inform the emerging Local Plan Partial Review. The HRA Screening report is available to download from www.rbkc.gov.uk/planningpolicy and provides an initial screening of the impact of emerging Local Plan Partial Review policies on protected habitats.
- 16.2.2 The legislative, policy and guidance context for the HRA is detailed within the report itself and will not be duplicated here.
- 16.2.3 The HRA Screening report concludes that none of the policies that are being reviewed are likely to have a significant / any effect on the relevant Natura 2000 sites. The Council intends to undertake a further screening exercise as part of the next 'Draft Policies' stage of the Local Plan Partial Review (see section 1.4).
- 16.2.4 The Council is consulting Natural England on the HRA Screening report. However, the Council has made the report available so that any stakeholder may respond should they wish.

Question 1

Do you have any comments on the methodology or conclusions of the Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) Screening report?

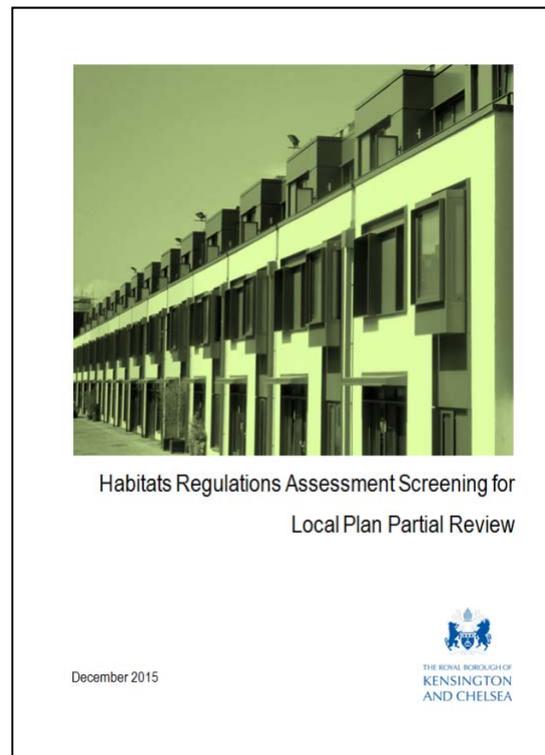
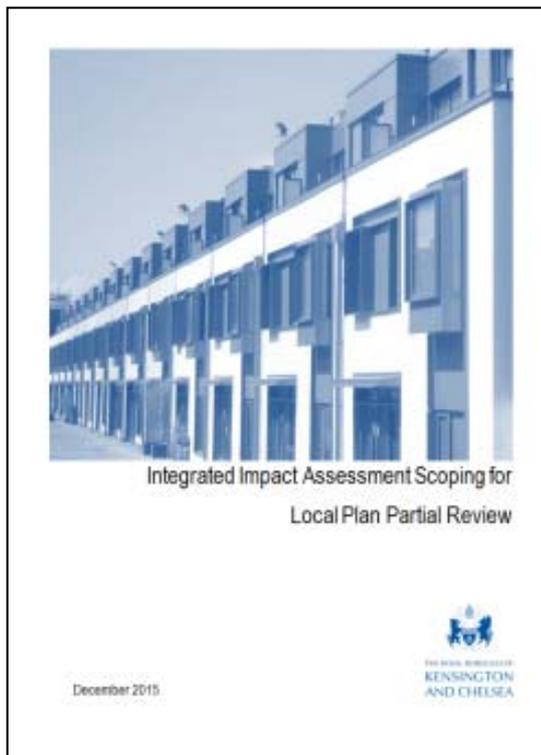


Figure 16.1: IIA Scoping and HRA Screening reports, available from www.rbkc.gov.uk/planningpolicy