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CALDERDALE LOCAL PLAN HEARINGS
MATTER 12(K)

**Allocations in Proximity to the South
Pennines Special Protection Area**

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Matter 12 - General -Question K

12k Where sites are located in proximity to the South Pennines Special Protection Area, does Appendix 1 and the Addendum correctly identify this and provide appropriate details of constraints and requirements? What distance threshold should be applied, and requirements/considerations specified? What mitigation measures may be necessary in relation to recreational pressures? Which allocation sites does this relate to, and what modifications to the Plan are necessary?

1.1 As part of the Site Assessment Methodology, Natural England, West Yorkshire Ecology Service and the Council's Ecologist were consulted. These consultees identified sites which could have a potential impact on the natural environment including the South Pennine Moors Phase 2 Special Protection Area (SPA) and South Pennine Moors Special Area of Conservation (SAC). Appendix 1 of the submitted Local Plan (Site Allocations Supporting Information – SD 01.2) and the update following the Stage 1 hearings (Housing Requirement Update and Potential supply – CC39) generally highlight those sites with the potential to have an impact on the SPA/SAC. However, the approach was not applied consistently and comprehensively and requires strengthening, all matters referenced by Natural England in their responses to the various iteration of the Habitat Regulations Assessment (letters from Natural England, June 2019 - CC14, and February 2020). Task 6 of CC17 summarises all the responses from Natural England following submission of the Local Plan and forms an appendix to the Statement for Matter 7. The Council proposes modifications to the 29 allocations within the 2.5km buffer of the SPA/SAC as set out below. The reference to mitigating recreational disturbance, including through the provision of appropriate recreational green space, was requested by Natural England. The requisite modifications to the individual sites are set out in Matter 12 Appendix 1 attached to this Statement.

Constraints:

- Site is within 2.5km of the SPA/SAC

Reports Required:

- Ornithological Report informed by surveys undertaken according to "SPA Bird Survey Methodology" by West Yorkshire Ecology
- Ecological Impact Assessment to include a detailed assessment of the impacts on SPA/SAC
- Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA)

Site Specific Considerations:

- Ensure that adverse effects on the integrity of the SPA and SAC are avoided.
- Where likely significant effects have not been ruled out:
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 - Provision of equivalent or greater quantity and quality of replacement habitat on-site (or as a last resort off-site within 2.5km) with improved management to ensure use by SPA birds
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- 1.2 Natural England applied their 'Golden Plover Foraging Model' in order to identify any allocations forming part of the Golden Plover's habitat. This resulted in 3 sites requiring further field survey work to determine whether Golden Plover were present or not. The Council's Ecologist subsequently undertook these field surveys and found them to be unsuitable for Golden Plover. Should any of the sites beyond the 2.5km buffer have been found likely to be functionally linked habitat for Golden Plover, the requisite modifications would have been made to the '*constraints/site reports/site specific considerations*' in Appendix 1 to the Local Plan (SD 01.2) and 'Housing Requirement Update and Potential Supply' (CC39.)
- 1.3 The Council considers that the above amendments to the site schedules in Appendix 1 to the Local Plan and 'Housing Requirement Update and Potential Supply' should apply to all sites within 2.5km of the SPA/SAC boundary. A number of the allocations within the 2.5km buffer are within the urban area and/or are small where development may not impact on the SPA/SAC, However, the approach taken ensures flexibility through the wording of the site specific requirements and adopts the precautionary principle.
- 1.4 With regard to overall cumulative visitor pressure on the SPA/SAC, the June 2019 addendum to the HRA (CC13) together with the November 2019 further addendum "Recreational Use and Urban Edge Impacts" and including the additional sites following the increase in the housing requirement (CC36) demonstrate that sites within a 7km buffer, including those in the surrounding Local Authorities, would equate to around a 0.6% increase overall in visitor trips generated to the South Pennines. This can be regarded as a relatively small increase in overall trips and it is considered unlikely to result in adverse effects on the integrity of the South Pennine Moors SPA as a result of increased recreation pressure and urban edge impacts. Natural England is broadly satisfied with these findings subject to the strengthening of policy wording and site specific requirements.

Appendix 1

Proposed Modifications to site allocations within 2.5km of the SPA/SAC

LP0053 – Todmorden - New Housing Site - Brownfield

Constraints:

- Site is within 2.5km of the SPA/SAC

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LP0234 – Halifax - New Housing Site - Mixed Brownfield/Greenfield

Constraints:

- Site is within 2.5km of the SPA/SAC

Reports Required:

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mitigation for recreational disturbance through the provision of appropriate recreational green space where appropriate.

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- Monitoring of impacts to assess bird use over time

LP0238 – Halifax - New Housing Site - Greenfield

Constraints:

- ~~— Ecology – South Pennine Moors SPA/SAC/SSSI~~
- Site is within 2.5km of the SPA/SAC

Reports Required:

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Site Specific Considerations:

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LP0242 – Halifax - New Housing Site - Greenfield

Constraints:

- ~~— Ecology – South Pennine Moors SPA/SAC/SSSI~~
- Site is within 2.5km of the SPA/SAC

Reports Required:

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LP0253 – Mytholmroyd - New Housing Site - Brownfield

Constraints:

- ~~South Pennine Moors SSSI, SPA, SAC~~
- Site is within 2.5km of the SPA/SAC

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LP0327 – Todmorden - Mixed Use Site -Brownfield

Constraints:

- ~~South Pennine Moors.~~
- Site is within 2.5km of the SPA/SAC

Reports Required:

- Ornithological Report informed by surveys undertaken according to “SPA Bird Survey Methodology” by West Yorkshire Ecology

- Ecological Impact Assessment to include a detailed assessment of the impacts on SPA/SAC
- Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA)

Site Specific Considerations:

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LP0635 -Todmorden - New Housing Site - Greenfield

Constraints:

- ~~Less than 1km to South Pennine Moors SPA/SAC/SSSI~~
- Site is within 2.5km of the SPA/SAC

Reports Required:

- ~~Habitat Regulations Assessment (informed by ornithological surveys to include nocturnal golden plover surveys).~~
- Ornithological Report informed by surveys undertaken according to “SPA Bird Survey Methodology” by West Yorkshire Ecology
- Ecological Impact Assessment to include a detailed assessment of the impacts on SPA/SAC
- Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA)

Site Specific Considerations:

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LP0640 – Todmorden - New Housing Site - Greenfield

Constraints:

- ~~Increased recreational pressure on European Sites (SPA/SAC/SSSI).~~

- Site is within 2.5km of the SPA/SAC

Reports Required:

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Site Specific Considerations:

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LP0651 – Todmorden - New Housing Site - Greenfield

Constraints:

- ~~2km from the South Pennine Moors SPA/SAC/SSSI~~
- Site is within 2.5km of the SPA/SAC

Reports Required:

- Ornithological Report informed by surveys undertaken according to “SPA Bird Survey Methodology” by West Yorkshire Ecology
- Ecological Impact Assessment to include a detailed assessment of the impacts on SPA/SAC
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Site Specific Considerations:

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LP0658 – Todmorden - New Housing Site - Brownfield

Constraints:

- Site is within 2.5km of the SPA/SAC

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LP0659 – Todmorden - New Housing Site - Greenfield

Constraints:

- ~~Proximity to South Pennine Moors SPA/SAC/SSSI~~
- Site is within 2.5km of the SPA/SAC

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LP0901 – Todmorden - New Housing Site - Greenfield

Constraints:

- ~~Within consultation zone for South Pennine Moors SPA/SAC/SSSI~~
- Site is within 2.5km of the SPA/SAC

Reports Required:

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 - Monitoring of impacts to assess bird use over time

LP0914 – Todmorden - New Housing Site - Mixed Brownfield/Greenfield

Constraints:

- Site is within 2.5km of the SPA/SAC

Reports Required:

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- Monitoring of impacts to assess bird use over time

LP0922 - Hebden Bridge - Mixed Use Site - Brownfield

Constraints:

- ~~— Ecological Issues – proximity to South Pennine Moors SPA/SAC/SSSI~~
- Site is within 2.5km of the SPA/SAC

Reports Required:

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LP0931 -Mytholmroyd - New Housing Site - Greenfield

Constraints:

- ~~— Within Natural England impact risk for housing development near to South Pennine Moors SPA/SAC/SSSI~~
- Site is within 2.5km of the SPA/SAC

Reports Required:

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LP0938 – Ripponden - New Housing Site - Greenfield

Constraints:

- ~~Less than 2km from South Pennines SPA/SCA/SSSI~~
- Site is within 2.5km of the SPA/SAC

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LP1009 – Halifax - New Housing Site - Mixed Brownfield/Greenfield

Constraints:

- Ecology - increased pressure on South Pennines SSSI/SAC/SPA
- Site is within 2.5km of the SPA/SAC

Reports Required:

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Site Specific Considerations:

- ~~— Measures to reduce pressure on South Pennines SSSI/SAC/SPA~~
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LP1372 – Mytholmroyd - New Housing Site - Greenfield

Constraints:

- ~~— Ecology increased pressure on South Pennine Moors SPA/SAC, and within Natural England's consultation zone.~~
- Site is within 2.5km of the SPA/SAC

Reports Required:

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LP1379 – Halifax - New Housing Site - Greenfield

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LP1486 – Halifax - New Housing Site - Greenfield

Constraints:

- ~~Site lies within the Natural England consultation zone for the South Pennine Moors SAC/SPA~~
- Site is within 2.5km of the SPA/SAC

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LP1487 – Halifax - New Housing Site – Greenfield (note proposed modification to remove this allocation from the Plan due to open space considerations but retained here for completeness of response to Matter 12k)

Constraints:

- ~~Site lies within the Natural England consultation zone for the South Pennine Moors SAC/SPA~~
- Site is within 2.5km of the SPA/SAC

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LP1488 – Halifax - New Housing Site - Greenfield

Constraints:

- ~~Site lies within the Natural England consultation zone for the South Pennine Moors SAC/SPA~~
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 - Monitoring of impacts to assess bird use over time

LP1489 – Halifax -New Housing Site - Greenfield

Constraints:

- Site lies within the Natural England consultation zone for the South Pennine Moors SAC/SPA
- Site is within 2.5km of the SPA/SAC

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LP1501 – Hebden Bridge - New Housing Site – Greenfield

Constraints:

- ~~Proximity to South Pennine Moors SPA/SAC/SSSI – within Natural England consultation zone~~
- Site is within 2.5km of the SPA/SAC

Reports Required:

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LP1503 – Hebden Bridge - New Housing Site - Greenfield

Constraints:

- Site is within 2.5km of the SPA/SAC

Reports Required:

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Site Specific Considerations:

- Ensure that adverse effects on the integrity of the SPA and SAC are avoided.
- Where likely significant effects have not been ruled out:

- Appropriate avoidance and/or mitigation measures to address any identified impacts from the Ecological Impact Assessment in line with GN3 including mitigation for recreational disturbance through the provision of appropriate recreational green space where appropriate.
- Provision of equivalent or greater quantity and quality of replacement habitat on- site (or as a last resort off site within 2.5km) with improved management to ensure use by SPA birds
- Timing of works (construction, operation and decommissioning) outside the period most frequently used by SPA birds
- Monitoring of impacts to assess bird use over time

LP1534 – Todmorden - New Housing Site - Mixed Brownfield/Greenfield

Constraints:

- Habitat Regulations Assessment/Ecological Impact Assessment
- Site is within 2.5km of the SPA/SAC

Reports Required:

- Ornithological Report informed by surveys undertaken according to “SPA Bird Survey Methodology” by West Yorkshire Ecology
- Ecological Impact Assessment to include a detailed assessment of the impacts on SPA/SAC
- Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA)

Site Specific Considerations:

- Ensure that adverse effects on the integrity of the SPA and SAC are avoided.
- Where likely significant effects have not been ruled out:
 - Appropriate avoidance and/or mitigation measures to address any identified impacts from the Ecological Impact Assessment in line with GN3 including mitigation for recreational disturbance through the provision of appropriate recreational green space where appropriate.
 - Provision of equivalent or greater quantity and quality of replacement habitat on- site (or as a last resort off site within 2.5km) with improved management to ensure use by SPA birds
 - Timing of works (construction, operation and decommissioning) outside the period most frequently used by SPA birds
 - Monitoring of impacts to assess bird use over time

LP1547 – Halifax - New Housing Site - Brownfield

Constraints:

- Site is within 2.5km of the SPA/SAC

Reports Required:

- Ornithological Report informed by surveys undertaken according to “SPA Bird Survey Methodology” by West Yorkshire Ecology
- Ecological Impact Assessment to include a detailed assessment of the impacts on SPA/SAC
- Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA)

Site Specific Considerations:

- Ensure that adverse effects on the integrity of the SPA and SAC are avoided.
- Where likely significant effects have not been ruled out:
 - Appropriate avoidance and/or mitigation measures to address any identified impacts from the Ecological Impact Assessment in line with GN3 including mitigation for recreational disturbance through the provision of appropriate recreational green space where appropriate.
 - Provision of equivalent or greater quantity and quality of replacement habitat on- site (or as a last resort off site within 2.5km) with improved management to ensure use by SPA birds
 - Timing of works (construction, operation and decommissioning) outside the period most frequently used by SPA birds
 - Monitoring of impacts to assess bird use over time

LP1622 – Mytholmroyd - Employment Site - Mixed Brownfield/Greenfield**Constraints:**

- Site is within 2.5km of the SPA/SAC

Reports Required:

- Ornithological Report informed by surveys undertaken according to “SPA Bird Survey Methodology” by West Yorkshire Ecology
- Ecological Impact Assessment to include a detailed assessment of the impacts on SPA/SAC
- Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA)

Site Specific Considerations:

- Ensure that adverse effects on the integrity of the SPA and SAC are avoided.
- Where likely significant effects have not been ruled out:
 - Appropriate avoidance and/or mitigation measures to address any identified impacts from the Ecological Impact Assessment in line with GN3.
 - Provision of equivalent or greater quantity and quality of replacement habitat on- site (or as a last resort off site within 2.5km) with improved management to ensure use by SPA birds
 - Timing of works (construction, operation and decommissioning) outside the period most frequently used by SPA birds
 - Monitoring of impacts to assess bird use over time

LP1637 – Todmorden - New Housing Site – Greenfield (note proposed modification in CC57 to remove this allocation but retained here for completeness of response to Matter 12k)

Constraints:

~~— 1.5km to South Pennine Moors SPA/SAC/SSSI~~

- Site is within 2.5km of the SPA/SAC

Reports Required:

- Ornithological Report informed by surveys undertaken according to “SPA Bird Survey Methodology” by West Yorkshire Ecology
- Ecological Impact Assessment to include a detailed assessment of the impacts on SPA/SAC
- Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA)

Site Specific Considerations:

- Ensure that adverse effects on the integrity of the SPA and SAC are avoided.
- Where likely significant effects have not been ruled out:
 - Appropriate avoidance and/or mitigation measures to address any identified impacts from the Ecological Impact Assessment in line with GN3 including mitigation for recreational disturbance through the provision of appropriate recreational green space where appropriate.
 - Provision of equivalent or greater quantity and quality of replacement habitat on- site (or as a last resort off site within 2.5km) with improved management to ensure use by SPA birds
 - Timing of works (construction, operation and decommissioning) outside the period most frequently used by SPA birds
 - Monitoring of impacts to assess bird use over time