

London Legacy Development  
Corporation

**Town Centres and Night-time  
Economy SPD Scope**

Strategic Environmental Assessment  
and Habitats Regulations  
Assessment: Screening Opinion

REP/20180025/001

Issue | 13 February 2019

This report takes into account the particular instructions and requirements of our client.

It is not intended for and should not be relied upon by any third party and no responsibility is undertaken to any third party.

248753-02

**Ove Arup & Partners Ltd**  
8 Fitzroy Street  
London  
W1T 4BQ  
United Kingdom  
[www.arup.com](http://www.arup.com)

**ARUP**

## Contents

---

	Page
<b>1 Introduction</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>2 Town Centres and Night-time Economy SPD: Proposed Scope</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>3 SEA Screening Assessment</b>	<b>3</b>
3.1 Comparison with the SA of the Local Plan and the SEA of the proposed revisions to the Local Plan	7
3.2 Spatial extent of effects	8
<b>4 HRA Screening</b>	<b>9</b>
4.1 Legislation and guidance	9
4.2 Identification of European Sites and Potential Impacts	9
4.3 Initial Screening of the SPD	9
4.4 Screening Checklist	10
<b>5 Consultation</b>	<b>12</b>
5.1 Natural England	12
5.2 Historic England	12
5.3 The Environment Agency	12
5.4 London Borough of Tower Hamlets	12
5.5 London Borough of Hackney	12
5.6 London Borough of Waltham Forest	13
5.7 London Borough of Newham	13
5.8 Transport for London	13
<b>6 Screening Opinion</b>	<b>14</b>

## Tables

Table 1: Assessment of the scope of the Town Centres and Night-time Economy SPD against SEA screening criteria

Table 2: European sites that could be affected by the LLDC Local Plan

Table 3: Figure F.3.3 of The Habitats Regulations Assessment Handbook.

## Appendices

### Appendix A

Consultation responses

# 1 Introduction

---

This screening opinion has been prepared on behalf of the London Legacy Development Corporation, as the responsible authority, by Ove Arup & Partners Limited. This screening opinion considers whether the proposed scope of the Town Centres and Night-time Economy SPD will result in likely significant environmental effects, and therefore whether further Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) or Habitats Regulations Assessment are required.

SEA is legislated for by European Directive 2001/42/EC ('the SEA Directive') "on the assessment of the effects of certain plans and programmes on the environment". The objective as stated in Article 1 of the Directive is: "to provide for a high level of protection of the environment and to contribute to the integration of environmental considerations into the preparation and adoption of plans and programmes with a view to promoting sustainable development"<sup>1</sup>.

HRA is legislated for by European Directive 92/43/EEC ('the Habitats Directive') on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora. Under Article 6 of the Habitats Directive, an assessment is required where a plan or project may give rise to significant effects upon any European Sites.

The proposed SPD scope has been screened under:

- Regulation 9(1) of the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004<sup>2</sup> ('the SEA Regulations'), which implement the SEA Directive into domestic legislation; and
- Regulation 63(1) of The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017<sup>3</sup> ('the Habitat Regulations'), which implement the Habitats Directive into domestic legislation.

This screening opinion takes into account the criteria specified in Schedule 1 (criteria for determining the likely significance of effects on the environment) to the SEA Regulations and the requirements of Article 63 of the HRA Regulations in order to determine whether the proposed scope of the SPD is likely to give rise to significant environmental effects that have not already been assessed during the preparation of the Local Plan, and its latest review.

---

<sup>1</sup> DIRECTIVE 2001/42/EC OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 27 June 2001 on the assessment of the effects of certain plans and programmes on the environment <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32001L0042&from=EN>

<sup>2</sup> Schedule 1 Criteria for determining the likely significance of effects on the environment, available at: [http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2004/1633/pdfs/ukxi\\_20041633\\_en.pdf](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2004/1633/pdfs/ukxi_20041633_en.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2017/1012/contents/made>  
REP/20180025/001 | Issue | 13 February 2019

## 2 Town Centres and Night-time Economy SPD: Proposed Scope

---

The role of culture and the night-time economy is being given greater priority in planning policy, as demonstrated by its inclusion in the draft New London Plan and the adoption of the Mayor's Culture & the Night-Time Economy Supplementary Planning Guidance (2017)<sup>4</sup>. The proposed revisions to the Local Plan also include references to the night-time economy.

The new Town Centres and Night-time Economy SPD shall cover:

- Licensing: addressing the disconnect between planning and licensing restrictions to ensure consistency;
- Wayfinding and security: promoting safe access and connectivity by encouraging the use of the most natural routes and crowd dispersion in the most efficient ways;
- The application of the Agent of Change principle: provide an overall strategy for managing change in the area to help ensure that any adverse effects (it is anticipated that this will be most relevant to noise) on existing residents or businesses are mitigated; and
- Uses and design flexibility: how spaces can be designed to support the growth of cultural and night-time economy uses as well as creative industries. A coherent approach to night-time economy across the area will be promoted, addressing gaps in provision.

The SPD will aim to provide centre-specific information relating to each of the topics outlined above, highlighting issues and how the centres can support culture and night-time economy.

It is anticipated that the SPD will provide a focus on Hackney Wick Neighbourhood Centre, Stratford Metropolitan Centre and Stratford High Street Policy Area. In addition, it has been identified that the focus of the SPD is also pertinent to other centres, including Bromley-by-Bow, Pudding Mill and East Village.

---

<sup>4</sup> [https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/culture\\_and\\_night-time\\_economy\\_spg\\_final.pdf](https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/culture_and_night-time_economy_spg_final.pdf)  
REP/20180025/001 | Issue | 13 February 2019

### 3 SEA Screening Assessment

Table 1 below sets out the screening criteria contained within Schedule 1 of the SEA Regulations and assesses the scope of the SPD against these. This is undertaken by considering whether the intended scope is likely to result in significant environmental effects which have not already been assessed during the preparation of the adopted Local Plan and its latest review.

Table 1: Assessment of the scope of the Town Centres and Night-time Economy SPD against SEA screening criteria

SEA Screening Criteria	Relevant Aspects of the Scope	Are <i>additional significant environmental effects likely?</i>
1. The characteristics of plans and programmes, having regard, in particular, to—		
(a) the degree to which the plan or programme sets a framework for projects and other activities, either with regard to the location, nature, size and operating conditions or by allocating resources	<p>The SPD will aim to provide further policy guidance how culture and night-time economy can be supported within various centres in the LLDC area. It will include guidance on use types, format, compatibility, and integration with existing uses to help facilitate individual town centre identities.</p> <p>The proposed scope of the SPD is consistent with the Local Plan, the proposed revisions to the Local Plan, the area-based SPDs, which have all been subject to a SA or SEA. However, the SPD will aim to set a localised and more detailed framework for projects and other activities that support culture and contribute to the night-time economy particularly in terms of their location, nature and operating conditions thus there is the potential for the SPD to give rise to additional significant environmental effects at no more than a local level.</p>	Yes, potentially – local level (without mitigation)
(b) the degree to which the plan or programme influences other plans and programmes including those in a hierarchy	<p>The guidance and advice to be set out in the SPD will be supplementary to the adopted (and proposed revisions to the) Local Plan and the area-based SPDs. As such, the SPD is intended to complement all existing (and proposed) Local Plan and area-based policies which have already been subject to a SEA or SA.</p> <p>The SPD will be the most locally focused document in the hierarchy of planning policy for supporting culture and night-time economy, and thus will influence <i>relevant</i> future</p>	No.

SEA Screening Criteria	Relevant Aspects of the Scope	Are <i>additional significant environmental effects likely?</i>
	planning applications within the LLDC area.	
(c) the relevance of the plan or programme for the integration of environmental considerations in particular with a view to promoting sustainable development	<p>The proposed scope of the SPD acknowledges the importance of wayfinding and security and the need to create safe, secure and accessible environments.</p> <p>The SPD will aim to support interim uses of vacant premises within the Stratford Policy Area to add to vitality and viability. This would support sustainable use of land in the short- to medium-term.</p> <p>The above environmental considerations are consistent with the Local Plan (in particular, Policies B.3 and T.9) as well as the proposed revisions to the Local Plan, which have been subject to a SA or SEA, respectively. It is therefore considered unlikely that the SPD would result in additional significant environmental effects.</p>	No.
(d) environmental problems relevant to the plan or programme	<p>It is proposed that the SPD will provide guidance on applying the Agent of Change principle (mainly in relation to noise) by establishing an overall strategy for managing change in the area. It is anticipated that the approach will be informed by an understanding of the compatibility between cultural and night-time economy uses and residential, and also other uses which would support the cultural and creative sector. It is likely that the approach will identify key creators and receptors of noise and highlight how developers can work together to mitigate such impacts.</p> <p>The application of this principle is in line with the proposed revisions to the Local Plan, which have been subject to a SA or SEA. It is therefore considered that additional significant environmental effects are unlikely. Crime, anti-social behaviour and community safety problems can be associated with growth in the night-time economy. To address these issues, the SPD is likely to cover security and safety. This is consistent with the adopted (and proposed revisions to the) Local Plan.</p>	No.

SEA Screening Criteria	Relevant Aspects of the Scope	Are <i>additional significant environmental effects likely?</i>
(e) the relevance of the plan or programme for the implementation of Community legislation on the environment (for example, plans and programmes linked to waste management or water protection)	The SPD is unlikely to influence the implementation of the Community legislation on the environment, therefore it is considered that the scope of the SPD is unlikely to give rise to additional significant environmental effects in this regard.	No.
2. Characteristics of the effects and of the area likely to be affected, having regard, in particular, to—		
(a) the probability, duration, frequency and reversibility of the effects	The SPD is likely to include guidance that is consistent with the Local Plan and the proposed revisions to the Local Plan, which have been subject to a SA or SEA, respectively, to provide further positive effects associated with the culture and night-time economy whilst managing negative effects that may arise.	No.
(b) the cumulative nature of the effects	<p>The SPD has the potential to give rise to additional cumulative effects, if adequate mitigation is not in place.</p> <p>The Mayor’s Culture and Night-time SPG advises local authorities to ‘consider the cumulative impact of density/high concentrations of different types of licensed premises’.</p> <p>Management principles will be included in the SPD.</p>	Yes, potentially – local level (without mitigation)
(c) the transboundary nature of the effects	<p>The SPD is unlikely to result in additional significant environmental transboundary effects, as the scope of the SPD is confined to key centres within the LLDC area.</p> <p>However, it is anticipated that the SPD will reference how LLDC Planning Policy and Decisions Team will refer to licensing policies of the relevant boroughs to ensure consistency between licensing and planning restrictions. Guidance on the local application of the Agent of Change principle should also ensure that any significant adverse effects on existing uses are mitigated.</p> <p>Guidance on the management of safety and security, which is a key transboundary issue, will be included in the SPD. This is consistent with the adopted (and proposed revisions) to the Local Plan.</p>	No.

SEA Screening Criteria	Relevant Aspects of the Scope	Are <i>additional significant environmental effects</i> likely?
(d) the risks to human health or the environment (for example, due to accidents)	The SPD will aim to address risks associated with the growth of the culture and night-time economy, which have principally been identified in the proposed scope of the SPD scope as security/safety, noise, and accessibility and connectivity. These considerations are consistent with the Local Plan and the proposed amendments to the Local Plan.	No.
(e) the magnitude and spatial extent of the effects (geographical area and size of the population likely to be affected)	<p>The SPD will be applied to all relevant future planning applications within the centres to be covered in the SPD, although the effects of the SPD will be more likely felt at the local scale.</p> <p>The SPD is likely to include guidance on mitigating adverse effects associated with the growth of the culture and night-time economy.</p>	No.
(f) the value and vulnerability of the area likely to be affected due to— (i) special natural characteristics or cultural heritage; (ii) exceeded environmental quality standards or limit values; or (iii) intensive land-use	The effects on cultural heritage of a greater emphasis on the night-time economy were considered as part of the SEA of the proposed revisions to the Local Plan, no additional significant effects are likely.	No.
(g) the effects on areas or landscapes which have a recognised national, Community or international protection status	<p>There are five Conservation areas within the LLDC area. These are Hackney Wick, Fish Island and White Post Lane, Three Mills, Sugarhouse Lane, and a small part of Stratford St John’s. The SPD is likely to provide further guidance on how existing creative and cultural uses can be maintained, supported and integrated to form part of the new centres, for example, Conservation Area: Three Mills. The SPD does not cover potential effects on these areas.</p> <p>Revised Policy B.2: Thriving town, neighbourhood and local centres, which includes an emphasis on the night-time economy was assessed as neutral for objective 21: To conserve and enhance the existing historic environment, including sites,</p>	No.



SEA Screening Criteria	Relevant Aspects of the Scope	Are <i>additional significant environmental effects likely?</i>
	features, landscapes and areas of historical, architectural, archaeological and cultural value in relation to their significance and their settings. The SPD is therefore unlikely to give rise to additional significant effects; however, the SPD could provide an opportunity to positively influence this objective.	

### 3.1 Comparison with the SA of the Local Plan and the SEA of the proposed revisions to the Local Plan

#### 3.1.1 Comparison with the SA of the Local Plan

An assessment of the proposed scope of the SPD against the criteria in Schedule 1 of the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004<sup>2</sup> has identified that there is a potential for additional localised significant environmental effects to occur as a result of the type of interventions to be included in the SPD. However, a material consideration in this determination is whether the SA of the London Legacy Development Corporation (LLDC) Local Plan 2015 ('the Local Plan') and the Integrated Impact Assessment (which included an SEA) of the proposed revisions, addresses any potential significant effects associated with the SPD.

The SA report of the Local Plan identified three key SA objectives as being relevant to the night-time economy. These were SA Objective 1: To reduce crime, disorder and fear of crime, SA Objective 7: To encourage sustainable economic growth, inclusion and business development and SA Objective 8: To increase employment opportunities for all residents in the local area.

The SPD is likely to positively influence SA Objective 1 which was assessed as negative in relation to two policies which related to (or referred to) the night-time economy. These were Policies B2 (Thriving town, neighbourhood and local centres) and H4 (Providing Student Accommodation). The SA advised that to address this, new developments should incorporate safety and security by design standards. The SPD will aim to cover how way finding and the Agent of Change principle can help to reduce crime, disorder and fear of crime.

In addition, the SPD is likely to enhance the positive influence on SA objectives 7 and 8 which was assessed as positive for Policy H4 (in the connection with the increase in students). The SPD will aim to support the growth of the night-time economy which contributes to jobs, economic growth and prosperity and is likely to broaden the size of the population that will benefit from this.

### 3.1.2 Comparison with the SEA of the proposed revisions to the Local Plan

The proposed revisions to the Local Plan include a new policy on resilience, safety and security, which was assessed as very positive for objective 4: To contribute to safety and security and the perceptions of safety. Facilitated by the IIA process of the Local Plan, references to crime and safety management in connection with the night-time economy were included in Policies H.4 (Providing student accommodation) and 3.2 (Stratford High Street Planning Area). The SPD aim to provide further guidance on addressing and improving safety and security issues that may arise from a growth in the culture and night-time economy.

The proposed revisions to the Local Plan transport policies address local connectivity and accessibility, which overall were assessed as positive/very positive. The SPD will aim to provide an opportunity to provide further guidance and advice on best practice in terms of crime and safety (in relation to connectivity and accessibility). It is anticipated that the SPD will specifically consider night-time use and help ensure that those out at night feel safe and comfortable.

Policy BN.12: Noise ensures that new developments minimise noise impacts, complying with the draft New London Plan and the Agent of Change principle. This was assessed as very positive against objective 24: To minimise noise and vibration levels and disruption to people and communities across London and reduce inequalities in exposure. It is intended that the SPD will build upon this by providing guidance of the local application of the Agent of Change principle in relation to the culture and night-time economy. In addition, Policy S.1: Health and Wellbeing includes the requirement to ensure that development would not significantly adversely affect those who live and/or work within the vicinity, which was assessed as positive in relation objective 24. Policy BN.4: Designing Development states that development should minimise adverse impacts upon existing surrounding development which is in keeping with the Agent of Change principle. Policy BN.4 was assessed as neutral against objective 24 as the policy does not directly require mitigation of disturbances from existing noise.

Policies B.1, B.2, B.3 and H.4 contain requirements in line with the Agent of Change principle, they were assessed as neutral to positive in relation to objective 24. The SPD would provide further guidance on the application of this principle, thus is likely to positively influence this objective.

## 3.2 Spatial extent of effects

Whilst it is noted that the SPD could give rise to additional localised cumulative significant environmental effects, it is important to understand the spatial context of these effects. Under Regulation 5(6) of the SEA Regulations, an environmental assessment is not likely to be required if a plan or other intervention affects only a local area. With reference to this, it is likely that any effects would be experienced at a local level and have limited significance with respect to changing the current environment.

## 4 HRA Screening

### 4.1 Legislation and guidance

This HRA Screening Opinion has drawn upon the following legislation and guidance:

- The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017;
- European Commission, Managing Natura 2000 sites: The provisions of Article 6 of the Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC;
- European Commission, Guidance document on Article 6(4) of the Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC;
- Department for Communities and Local Government (2006) Planning for the Protection of European Sites: Appropriate Assessment. Guidance for Regional Spatial Strategies and Local Development Documents; and
- The Habitats Regulations Assessment Handbook, DTA Publications.

### 4.2 Identification of European Sites and Potential Impacts

No European sites are located within the LLDC area boundary and therefore no direct land-take from any European sites is predicted as a result of plan implementation. However, European sites outside of the boundary may be affected by activities undertaken within the LLDC area if they are connected through an impact pathway, for example, hydrological links or impacts upon air quality.

Table 2: European sites that could be affected by the LLDC Local Plan

Name of Site	Status	Distance from LLDC Boundary
Lee Valley Special Protection Area	SPA	3.4km north-west
Lee Valley Ramsar site	Ramsar	3.4km north west
Epping Forest Special Area of Conservation	SPA	2.9km to the north-east

### 4.3 Initial Screening of the SPD

With respect to the information on European sites in Section 4.2, it is worth noting the following points:

1. The SPD does not lead to any new or additional development outside of that proposed within the revised LLDC Local Plan. The SPD is not a land use planning policy; it will facilitate the management of development within town centres to promote night time use in an economically viable and environmentally sensitive manner.
2. The SPD does not facilitate development. It provides guidelines for development in line with existing and proposed policies included within the revised Local Plan.

3. The distance between the LLDC boundary and the European Site means that it is unlikely that management measures or guiding principles outlined in the SPD, such as way finding, managing the Agent of Change principle and strengthening the connections between planning and licensing, are likely to impact upon these sites, either directly or indirectly through impacts on supporting habitats.

## 4.4 Screening Checklist

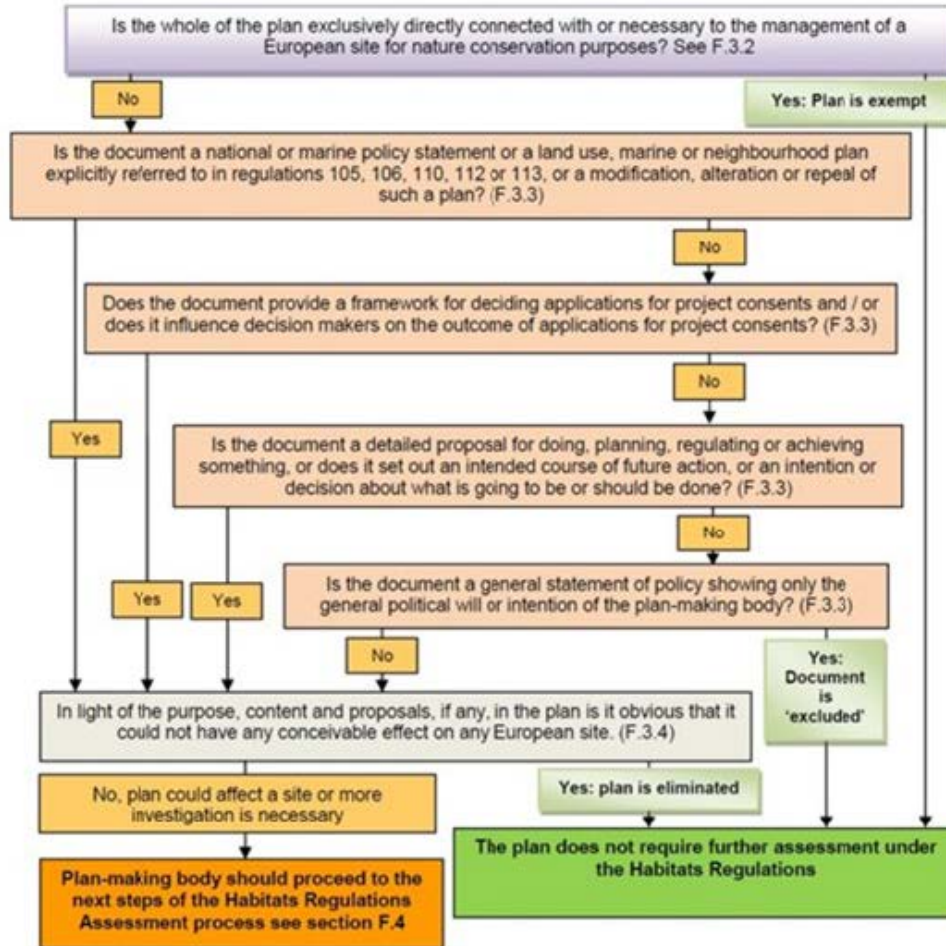
Section F.3 of The Habitats Regulations Assessment Handbook (DTA Publications) explains how certain plans may be exempt, excluded or eliminated from further assessment, subject to certain criteria being met. The process for determining this is set out in Figure F.3.1 of The Habitats Regulations Assessment Handbook (presented on the next page).

Based on the information available regarding the scope of the proposed SPD and with knowledge of the receiving environment, the plan is not exempt or excluded from further HRA. However, it is considered that the proposed SPD can be eliminated from needing further assessment as the SPD cannot conceivably have any adverse effects on a European site or its supporting habitat and species. This view has been reached by completing the checklist included as Figure F.3.3 of The Habitats Regulations Assessment Handbook, which is reported below as Table 3.

Table 3: Figure F.3.3 of The Habitats Regulations Assessment Handbook.

Ref No.		Confirm (Y/N)
1	The whole of the plan is a general policy statement, or a plan that expresses only a general political will or aspiration, or a general intention of the public body OR	N
2	The whole plan is about the design, layout, timing, phasing, or other management or delivery of development or other change provided for or promoted by another plan already subject to Habitats Regulations Assessment and which has been found not to have any significant effect on any European site without relying on mitigation measures OR	Y
3	The whole of the plan is about the requirements to provide mitigation measures to ensure that proposals in another plan cannot have an adverse effect on the integrity of any European site OR	N
4	The whole plan is a combination of proposals that meet criteria 1, 2 and / or 3 above AND	Y
5	It is not possible to identify any credible evidence of any adverse effect on a European site in the plan area or elsewhere.	Y

**Figure F.3.1**  
**Deciding if a plan is exempt, excluded or eliminated from further assessment under the Habitats Regulations**



(Source for extracted Figure F.3.1 and Figure F.3.3: Tyldesley, D. and Chapman, C. (2018) *The Habitats Regulations Assessment Handbook*, DTA Publications Limited, [www.dtapublications.co.uk](http://www.dtapublications.co.uk))

## 5 Consultation

---

This screening opinion has been the subject of consultation with the statutory consultation bodies identified in the SEA Regulations. These statutory bodies are:

- Natural England
- Historic England
- The Environment Agency

In addition, as a result of likely interest in the SPD, the London Borough of Tower Hamlets, the London Borough of Hackney, the London Borough of Waltham Forest, the London Borough of Newham and Transport for London have also been consulted as part of this screening process.

In accordance with The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017, Natural England has been consulted with respect to the HRA screening of the SPD scope.

The full responses received from the statutory consultation bodies are included in Appendix A. A summary of consultation responses is reported below.

### 5.1 Natural England

Natural England has stated that the SPD topic does not appear to relate to their interests to any significant extent and therefore do not wish to comment.

### 5.2 Historic England

Historic England have advised that the SPD is unlikely to result in any significant environmental effects; it will simply provide additional guidance on existing policies contained within the adopted Local Plan which has already been subject to a Sustainability Appraisal. Historic England accept that an SEA is not required.

### 5.3 The Environment Agency

No response received.

### 5.4 London Borough of Tower Hamlets

No response received.

### 5.5 London Borough of Hackney

No response received.

## **5.6 London Borough of Waltham Forest**

No response received.

## **5.7 London Borough of Newham**

No response received.

## **5.8 Transport for London**

No response received.

## 6 Screening Opinion

---

The purpose of this screening opinion is to determine under Regulation 9(1) of the SEA Regulations whether the intended scope of the new Town Centres and Night-time Economy SPD is likely to give rise to significant environmental effects and therefore require further SEA. This screening opinion has been based on:

- Assessing the SPD against the SEA screening criteria contained within Schedule 1 of the SEA Regulations;
- Undertaking a review of the findings of the SA of Local Plan and the SEA of the proposed revisions to the Local Plan; and
- Taking note of the comments of statutory consultation bodies and stakeholders.

It is considered that further SEA of the Town Centres and Night-time Economy SPD is not required. The reasons for this are as follows:

1. The proposed SPD does not lead to any new or different development proposals to that already proposed as part of the Revised LLDC Local Plan.
2. The majority of effects have already been addressed as part of the SA of the Local Plan and the SEA of the proposed amendments. No new effects are likely, but where there are potentially different effects, these are positive in nature.
3. The effects that occur are likely to be at a local level and will largely be confined to key centres within the LLDC area, thus the population exposed to these potential changes is likely to be relatively small.

It is also considered that further HRA of the Town Centres and Night-time Economy SPD is not required. The reasons for this are as follows:

1. No European sites are located within the LLDC area, so European sites and supporting habitat will not be directly affected by the scope of the proposed SPD.
2. The SPD includes measures to help manage town centres and other areas as part of the night time economy, and it is not likely that there will be any pathways to European sites.
3. The SPD expands upon policies that have already undergone appropriate assessment as part of the integrated impact assessment undertaken for the Revised LLDC Local Plan.<sup>5</sup>

---

<sup>5</sup> Arup (November 2018) Integrated Impact Assessment of the LLDC Local Plan  
<https://www.queenelizabetholympicpark.co.uk/-/media/iaa-including-appropriate-assesment-nov-2.ashx?la=en>  
REP/20180025/001 | Issue | 13 February 2019



## **Appendix A**

### **Consultation responses**

Date: 16 January 2019  
Our ref: 267466  
Your ref: Night-time Economy SPD – SEA Screening.



Planning Policy & Decisions  
London Legacy Development Corporation  
Level 10, 1 Stratford Place  
Montfichet Road  
London E20 1EJ

Hornbeam House  
Crewe Business Park  
Electra Way  
Crewe  
Cheshire  
CW1 6GJ

T 0300 060 3900

**BY EMAIL ONLY**

[planningpolicy@londonlegacy.co.uk](mailto:planningpolicy@londonlegacy.co.uk)

Dear Sir or Madam

**Night-time Economy Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) – SEA Screening**

Thank you for your consultation on the above dated and received by Natural England on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2018.

Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.

Our remit includes protected sites and landscapes, biodiversity, geodiversity, soils, protected species, landscape character, green infrastructure and access to and enjoyment of nature.

**Whilst we welcome this opportunity to give our views, the topic of the Supplementary Planning Document does not appear to relate to our interests to any significant extent. We therefore do not wish to comment.**

Should the plan be amended in a way which significantly affects its impact on the natural environment, then, please consult Natural England again.

**Strategic Environmental Assessment/Habitats Regulations Assessment**

A SPD requires a Strategic Environmental Assessment only in exceptional circumstances as set out in the Planning Practice Guidance [here](#). While SPDs are unlikely to give rise to likely significant effects on European Sites, they should be considered as a plan under the Habitats Regulations in the same way as any other plan or project. If your SPD requires a Strategic Environmental Assessment or Habitats Regulation Assessment, you are required to consult us at certain stages as set out in the Planning Practice Guidance.

Please send all planning consultations electronically to the consultation hub at



Yours faithfully



Consultations Team



Historic England

Our ref: PL00521900

Planning Policy (SPDs)  
London Legacy Development Corporation  
Level 10  
1 Stratford Place  
Montfichet Road  
Stratford E20 1EJ

By email: [planningpolicy@londonlegacy.co.uk](mailto:planningpolicy@londonlegacy.co.uk)

24 January 2019

Dear Sir/Madam

## London Legacy Development Corporation – Night Time Economy SPD Screening Opinion

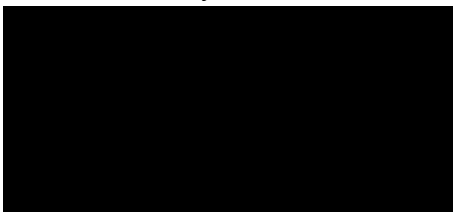
Thank you for consulting Historic England on the above Screening Opinion.

In terms of our area of interest, given the nature of the SPD, we would concur with your assessment that it is unlikely to result in any significant environmental effects and will simply provide additional guidance on existing Policies contained within the adopted Local Plan which has already been subject to a Sustainability Appraisal. As a result, we would endorse the Authority's conclusions that it is not necessary to undertake a Strategic Environmental Assessment of this particular SPD.

The views of the other three statutory consultation bodies should be taken into account before the overall decision on the need for an SEA is made.

If you have any queries about this matter or would like to discuss anything further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully



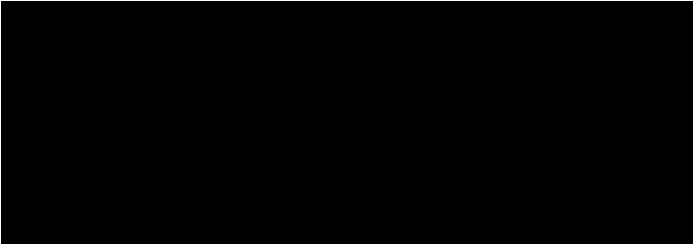
Historic England, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Cannon Bridge House, Dowgate Hill, London EC4R 2YA  
Telephone 020 7973 3700 Facsimile 020 7973 3001  
[HistoricEngland.org.uk](http://HistoricEngland.org.uk)

Please note that Historic England operates an access to information policy.  
Correspondence or information which you send us may therefore become publicly available.





Historic England



Historic England, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Cannon Bridge House, Dowgate Hill, London EC4R 2YA  
Telephone 020 7973 3700 Facsimile 020 7973 3001  
[HistoricEngland.org.uk](http://HistoricEngland.org.uk)

Please note that Historic England operates an access to information policy.  
Correspondence or information which you send us may therefore become publicly available.

