

Matter 3: *Habitats Regulations Assessment*

M3. Does the *Habitat Regulations Assessment Update Report (NLP/CD/07)* meet the requirements of the *Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017* and relevant national policy and guidance? In particular:

- a) Does it adequately address whether the Plan would adversely affect the integrity of European conservation sites either alone or in combination with other plans or projects?**
- b) Has it taken sufficient account of relevant case law including *People Over Wind and Wealden*?**
- c) Does the Plan incorporate any recommended mitigation measures or alternative solutions?**

We understand that a number of further minor changes will be made in relation to our previous comments on the HRA and Plan wording, particularly in relation to the role of the GLA, through engagement and support where appropriate, in the emerging mitigation strategy for Epping Forest SAC. Provided that these changes are made, we consider that the HRA adequately addresses whether the plan would adversely affect the integrity of European conservation sites, alone or in-combination.