



# Habitats Regulation Assessment Draft Screening Report – Clarification Note

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# 1. Clarification

- 1.1.1 The Habitat Regulations Assessment Draft Screening Report (HRADSR) was published for informal consultation with key consultees in October 2020. The HRADSR's purpose was to provide an early opportunity for Natural England and other relevant consultees to comment upon the scope, approach and preliminary conclusions contained within it.
- 1.1.2 At publication, the HRADSR confirmed that it does not include an assessment of the effects arising from air emissions as a result of the Proposed Development. The HRADSR, being produced at a point in time, also refers to MVV Environment Ltd as the Applicant and reflects the project components and baseline as understood in October 2020. The HRADSR did not, for example, assess the two Grid Connection Options or alternative Temporary Construction Compounds, which now form part of the PEIR.
- 1.1.3 Following the production of the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) and statutory consultation, a second draft of the HRADSR will be prepared to reflect the scheme design at that time and any comments received during statutory consultation on the PEIR and the first draft of the HRADSR. The updated HRADSR will also include consideration of the likely effects arising from air emissions upon European sites for the purposes of screening. Consideration of the likely impacts of air quality on European sites has been considered as part of the PEIR and further information can be found in **Chapter 8 (Air Quality)** and **Chapter 11 (Biodiversity)**.
- 1.1.4 Once drafted, the updated HRADSR will be issued to Natural England and other relevant consultees in a draft form for comment, ahead of finalising and accompanying the DCO application.

