

Pembrokeshire County Council  
Local Development Plan 2  
2017-2033

Habitats Regulations Appraisal Report –  
Deposit Plan  
Non-technical Summary

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## Non-technical Summary

- i. Habitats Regulations Appraisal (HRA) is a requirement of the Conservation of Habitats & Species Regulations 2017 which transpose the Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC) to determine whether a plan is likely to have significant effects on European sites (Natura 2000 sites). This document reports the HRA screening and assessment of the Pembrokeshire County Council Local Development Plan 2 Deposit.
- ii. HRA screening of the likely significant effects of the Deposit included the identification of European sites, a description of the plan and identification of potential effects of the plan, alone and in-combination with other plans. The policies were screened and assessed with reference to the management plans for the 21 European sites considered for likely significant effects.
- iii. The screening has concluded that there is potential for likely significant effects at 13 European sites:
  - Pembrokeshire Marine SAC
  - North West Pembrokeshire Commons SAC
  - North Pembrokeshire Woodlands SAC
  - Pembrokeshire Bat Sites and Bosherton Lakes SAC
  - Preseli SAC
  - Afon Teifi SAC
  - Afonydd Cleddau SAC
  - West Wales Marine SAC
  - Bristol Channel Approaches SAC
  - Carmarthen Bay and Estuaries SAC
  - Cardigan Bay SAC
  - Yerbeston Tops SAC
  - Gweunydd Blaencleddau SAC
- iv. The main elements identified via screening of the Deposit Plan likely to have potential impacts are those relating to housing and employment options particularly those policies where allocations are identified. Other policies may also have potential impacts. Following the appropriate assessment of the screened in policies and allocations, no likely significant effects remain when mitigations measures are incorporated.
- v. As the plan progressed policies have been developed which will ensure that SACs and SPAs are safeguarded.
- vi. The next stage of the HRA is to re-screen and re-assess and changes if appropriate, the later iterations of the Plan which arise as a result of the consultation, to determine whether there will be likely significant effects, and if so, the most effective mechanisms to mitigate those effects. Sites will be monitored for any changes and any mitigation identified if necessary.