

1. Habitats Regulations Assessment

1.1.1. This HRA Screening Form satisfies the requirement of the airspace change process to clearly inform the reader of the potential biodiversity impacts of this Airspace Change Proposal (ACP).

1.1.2. In accordance with CAP1616i page 33:

Habitats Regulations Assessment – Early Screening Criteria

Q1. Are there any changes to air traffic patterns or number of movements expected below 3,000 feet due to the airspace change proposal?

Answer: No.

*If the answer to Q1 is 'no' then habitats regulations assessment is no longer required.
If the answer to Q1 is 'yes' then proceed to Q2 below.*

Q2A. Are there any European sites within a radius of 18 km of each runway end?

Q2B. Are any European sites identified in Q2A overflown (i.e. plane passing directly overhead or within 2,655 feet of the boundary of a European site at 3,000 feet or below) by proposed flight routes?

*If the answer to Q2A and Q2B are both 'no' then habitats regulations assessment is no longer required.
If the answer to Q2A or Q2B is 'yes' then proceed to Q3 below.*

Q3A Will the airspace change proposal reduce the number of movements overflying one or more European sites, while not increasing them over another?

Q3B Will the airspace change proposal increase the altitude of aircraft overflying one or more European sites, whilst not decreasing altitude over another?

*If the answer to Q3A and Q3B are both 'yes' then habitats regulations assessment is no longer required.
If the answer to Q3A or Q3B is 'no' then secondary screening will be required.*

1.1.3. The answer to the first Screening Question is No.

1.1.4. Overflight evidence supporting this answer has been, or will be, supplied as part of the ACP documentation.

1.1.5. This ACP would therefore not cause biodiversity impacts.

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