

Screening Assessment for Strategic Environmental Assessment(SEA) as applied to the Stainton and Thornton Neighbourhood Plan.

1. Is the Neighbourhood Plan(NP) subject to preparation and/or adoption by a national, regional or local authority, OR prepared by an authority for adoption through a legislative procedure by Parliament or Government?(Art.2(a))

YES

The preparation and adoption of the Plan is regulated under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended by the Localism Act 2011. The Plan is prepared by the Stainton and Thornton Neighbourhood Plan group in conjunction with the Stainton and Thornton Parish Council(as the relevant body) and will be “made” by the Council of the LPA. The preparation of Neighbourhood Plans is subject to the following regulations: The Neighbourhood Planning(General)(Amendment) Regulations 2012 and the Neighbourhood Planning (Referendums) Regulations2012.

2. Is the NP required by legislative, regulatory or administrative provisions? (Art2(a))

NO

Whilst the plan is not a requirement and is optional under the provisions of the Town and Country Planning Act as amended by the Localism Act(2011), it will, if “made” form part of the Development Plan of the LPA. It is therefore important and necessary to answer the following questions to determine whether the policies of the Plan are likely to have significant environmental effects and if further environmental assessments will be required under the EU Directive.

3. Is the NP prepared for agriculture, forestry, fisheries, energy, industry, transport, waste management, telecommunications, tourism, town and country planning or land use AND does it set a framework for future development, consent of projects in Annexes 1 and 11 to the EIA Directive? (Art3.2 (a))

YES

The Plan is being prepared for town and country planning and land use purposes and as such the Plan contains a framework for future development consent of development projects, which may fall under section 10 of the Annex 11 of the EIA Directive.

4. Will the NP, in view of its likely effect on sites, require an assessment for future development under Article 6 or 7 of the Habitats Directive?(Art 3.2(b))

YES

As of January 2020, there are internationally designated nature conservation (SPA or SAC) sites near to Stainton and Thornton, the Teesmouth and Cleveland Coast SPA/Ramsar site now extends into Middlesbrough. A separate HRA screening opinion has been undertaken and submitted to Natural England.

5. Does the NP determine the use of small areas at local level subject to Art 3.2? (Art 3.3)

YES

The NP includes some Local Green Spaces within the designated plan area which supports the provision of environmental protection. Some sites within the boundary of the Plan area have been given planning permission for housing and development, in line with the adopted Housing Local Plan for the council.

6. Does the NP set out the framework for future development consent of projects?
No

7. Is the NP's sole purpose to serve the national defence or civil emergency OR is it a financial or budget plan or programme, OR is it co-financed by structural funds or EAGGF programmes 2000 to 2006/7? (Art 3.8, 3.9)
NO

8. Is it likely to have a significant effect on the environment?(Art 3.5)
NO

The NP is unlikely to have any significant effect on the environment.