

Natural England Habitats Regulations Assessment - Rapid Screening of Plans and Projects [under Regulations 21 and 61]

Casework Tracker Ref:

Applicant Name:

Plan/Project Name:

[Bowes Moor Countryside Stewardship Agreement 2018](#)

Background

Both regulations 21 and 61 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 as amended (the "Habitats Regulations") require a formal assessment to be made by Natural England (in its role as competent authority) before it decides to undertake, or to consent, permit, licence or authorise, new plans and projects which may affect European Sites. Such plans and projects may include, for example, Section 28E SSSI notices to carry out, cause or permit to be carried out an operation or operations listed by a SSSI notification, applications for a NE management agreement, applications for a NE licence or permit and/or those to be carried out or commissioned by NE itself. Natural England may only undertake or authorise such plans/projects which are likely to have a significant effect on European Sites where it is able to ascertain that it will have no adverse effect on the integrity of the European Site(s). This tool is intended to provide a rapid yet reasoned record of a preliminary 'screening' stage which is part of the Habitats Regulations Assessment ('HRA') undertaken by Natural England of any such plans and projects. It should be used by NE staff as an initial check of whether plans or projects will require a fuller and more detailed screening and/or appropriate assessment using the full Natural England HRA template (see adjacent link).

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Project Details: Briefly describe plan/project details.
(Links to original documents on which this HRA is based can be added below)

CS agreement has negotiated sustainable year round stocking level, cessation of foddering that was having a negative impact on the SAC and SPA features, ceasing rotational burning on the blanket bog. There will be extensive active grips and bare peat restoration works that are funded as part of the agreement.

perlinks to original documents:

Section A - Initial Assessment of Risk to European Sites

A1. Is the plan/project capable of having any effect, either positive or negative, on a European Site?

YES

Give brief reasons:

Select (up to 6 sites) from the dropdown lists below

A2. Which European Sites are, or may be, capable of being affected by the plan/project?

Summary of decisions based on data entered in the tables below

Click the number to the left of the site name to go to that section

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North Pennine Moors SAC

North Pennine Moors SPA

Decision for Site 1:

Decision for Site 2:

Decision for Site 3:

Decision for Site 4:

Decision for Site 5:

Decision for Site 6:

Section B - Site-based Screening Assessments

Site 1: North Pennine Moors SAC
 Site 2: North Pennine Moors SPA

Based on the submitted plan/project details (including any method statements), and in view of the European Site's Conservation Objectives (including any supplementary advice);										
SAC/SPA Qualifying Feature	Are the proposed operations directly connected with or necessary to the conservation management (including restoration/recovery)	Give brief reasons why.	If not, are the proposed operations capable of having a negative effect(s) on the feature?	Give brief reasons why.	Do the proposed operations contain measures which would avoid ALL of the potential negative effects?	Briefly explain how the measures will avoid the effects	If not, is the potential negative effect(s) likely to be Significant <u>alone</u> ?	Give brief reasons why	If not, is the potential negative effect(s) likely to be Significant <u>In-combination</u> with other live plans/projects?	Give brief reasons why
A103(B) Peregrine	YES	Sustainable stocking rates, cessation of burning should promote diversity of habitats required for upland breeding h rds								
A140(B) Golden plover	YES	as above								
A098(B) Merlin	YES	as above								
A082(B) Hen harrier	YES	as above								

Site 3:

Based on the submitted plan/project details (including any method statements), and in view of the European Site's Conservation Objectives (including any supplementary advice);

SAC/SPA Qualifying Feature	Are the proposed operations directly connected with or necessary to the conservation management (including restoration/recovery)	Give brief reasons why.	If not, are the proposed operations capable of having a negative effect(s) on the feature?	Give brief reasons why.	Do the proposed operations contain measures which would avoid ALL of the potential negative effects?	Briefly explain how the measures will avoid the effects	If not, is the potential negative effect(s) likely to be Significant <u>alone</u> ?	Give brief reasons why	If not, is the potential negative effect(s) likely to be Significant <u>In-combination with</u> other live plans/projects?	Give brief reasons why

Site 4:

Site 5:

Site 6:

Section C - Overall Screening Decision for the Plan/Project

Is the proposed Plan/Project Likely to have a Significant Effect (either alone or in combination with other plans/projects) on any qualifying features of a European Site(s)?	NO
Full Screening for Likely Significant Effects and/or Appropriate assessment is NOT required	

Habitat Regulations Assessment Preliminary Screening completed by:

Checked by:

Date:

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