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1 Introduction

1.1.1 This Local Environmental Management plan (LEMP) sets out site specific control measures to be adopted by HS2 Contractors working within the South Northamptonshire District Council (SNDC) area.

1.1.2 This LEMP builds upon but does not repeat the HS2 general environmental requirements set out in the Code of Construction Practice (CoCP) (available online at: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/environmental-minimum-requirements).

1.1.3 This LEMP contains control measures and standards to be implemented within the SNDC area. The sections within this LEMP should not be read in isolation from other sections due to the interconnected nature of the measures between disciplines.

1.1.4 For ease of reference the LEMP mirrors the topic headings in the CoCP.

1.1.5 Information of relevance to the formation and development of this LEMP (as shown in figure 1) is contained within this document, or links are provided to where it can be accessed. This includes:

- Information from traffic, environmental surveys and ground investigation works. This could either be seasonal ecological surveys, tree surveys, noise monitoring, ground settlement or the results of ground investigations detailing levels of contamination (where present) and the nature of the ground;
- Feedback on pertinent information from on-going engagement; and
- Results of petitions of the Parliamentary process which have resulted in amendments to the mitigation measures contained within the CoCP.

![Figure 1. Key workstreams that will provide additional information for the LEMPs.](image-url)
1.1.6 This LEMP has been prepared taking into account findings of the Environmental Statement (ES), Additional provision 1 (AP1) and Supplementary Environment Statement (SES) and AP2 through to SES4 and AP5 where relevant. It has evolved during the Parliamentary process and engagement with the Local Authority and other stakeholders, such as members of the National Environment Forum¹, which have informed its development. This LEMP may be subject to further refinement, amendment and expansion as necessary as the project design progresses.

1.1.7 The Contractors will implement the requirements of the LEMPs and the CoCP through their own Environmental Management System (EMS), which will be certified to BS EN ISO 14001.

1.1.8 The Nominated Undertaker (HS2 Ltd)² and/or its Contractors (refer to Section 4 below) will continue to engage with the local stakeholders. This will take the form of engagement events which will be carried out to introduce and brief the communities on local environmental information, management and mitigation as detailed within this document.

1.1.9 The HS2 Environmental Memorandum identifies key worksites along the route of HS2 Phase One that are environmentally sensitive in terms of nature conservation, terrestrial and aquatic ecology, water resources, geomorphology, recreation and amenity, landscape, public open space and agricultural land. The criteria for inclusion are ‘worksites where a key significant impact (that has been agreed with the HS2 National Environment Forum members) is generated in any of the environmental topics’ as mentioned above. The Radstone and Helmdon Disused Railway environmentally sensitive worksite is within the SNDC area.

1.1.10 The Nominated Undertaker will prepare site-specific management plans for these identified environmentally sensitive worksites, focusing on mitigation, compensation and monitoring requirements, with opportunities for enhancement in relation to the identified environmental topics as outlined within the Environmental Memorandum. The Radstone and Helmdon Disused Railway environmentally key sensitive worksite management plan is included in Appendix 3.

1.1.11 The controls within this LEMP, as with those in the CoCP, are in line with HS2’s Safe at Heart health and safety brand. Safe at Heart seeks to ensure that health and safety are at the heart of everything that we do including in the design, construction and operation of the scheme. This aim stretches beyond the scheme itself, through

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¹ The National Environment Forum comprises Government departments and statutory bodies and was established to advise on environmental policy for HS2, including project-wide strategies for reducing the environmental impact of the line and principles for a Code of Construction Practice.

² HS2 Ltd is the Nominated Undertaker. The two terms are used interchangeably throughout this LEMP.
instruments such as this LEMP, and into the communities along the scheme to ensure that we protect their health, safety and wellbeing.

1.1.12 HS2 documents referenced within this LEMP can be found on the www.gov.uk website.

1.2 Area and scope

1.2.1 The SNDC area covers two Community Forum Areas (CFA). Plans showing details of the Scheme, as revised in AP5 and covered by this LEMP, are presented in the Environmental Statement (ES) maps (CFA 14 and 15 Volume 2 maps books ES Ref 3.2.2.14 to 3.2.2.15); CT-05-001 to CT-06-001; CFA 14: CT-05-065 to 067 (SES, AP2 ES), CT05-068A (ES); and

- CFA15: CT-05-068b (ES), CT-05-069 (SES, AP2 ES), CT-05-070 (SES4, AP5 ES), CT-05-071 (SES3, AP4 ES), CT-05-072 (SES, AP4 ES), and CT-05-073 to 079a (SES3, AP4 ES).

1.2.2 Construction worksites and areas required for construction works are shown within the CT-05 maps.

1.2.3 The Enabling Works Contractors (EWC) are carrying out a range of survey and investigation works which commenced in early 2017. The EWC will also be carrying out work including the provision of early ecological mitigation sites and highways improvement works.

1.2.4 Between July 2017 and autumn 2018, the Main Works Civils Contractors (MWCC) will be developing the design for the scheme, with a target for construction starting from early 2019.

1.2.5 It is anticipated that the following work activities will take place prior to and during the construction period within South Northamptonshire:

- advance works, including: site investigations and surveys further to those already undertaken;
- enabling works, including: utilities works in the wider area; highway and public right of way (PRoW) diversions; building demolitions; site clearance, habitat removal, creation and environmental mitigation measures.
- civil engineering works including; establishment of construction compounds; site preparation; main earthworks and structure works, building works and fit out, retaining structures and erection of bridges/viaducts, subsurface tunnelling and excavations, site restoration and removal of construction compounds;
- Earthworks to create cuttings and embankments along the route. Construction of structures including bridges, viaducts and culverts;
• works to conventional railway track, signalling and other railway systems;
• high speed railway installation works and systems fit-out including: establishment of construction compounds; infrastructure installation, traction power supplies, overhead line equipment and communications features; connections to utilities; removal of construction compounds; and
• system testing and commissioning.

2 Purpose of the Local Environmental Management Plan

2.1.1 This LEMP focuses on the area specific control measures by topic as relevant to construction works within the SNDC area. The measures described will be applied by the Nominated Undertaker and its Contractors throughout the construction period to reduce the potential environmental impacts within the SNDC area during construction.

2.1.2 The Nominated Undertaker and its Contractors will develop the detailed Environmental Management Plans, taking into account this LEMP and the Environmental Minimum Requirements. The detailed Environmental Management Plans will remain confidential due to contractual agreements. However, certain plans will be discussed with the relevant environmental bodies. Management plans for the environmentally sensitive worksites will be submitted for information with relevant Schedule 17, or where appropriate heritage, applications.

3 Policy and environmental management principles

3.1.1 Information relating to the HS2 Ltd sustainability policy and environmental management principles is provided in Section 3 of the CoCP.

4 Implementation

4.1.1 Details relating to implementation, such as enforcement and site management measures, are provided in Section 4 of the CoCP.
4.1.2 On 16 November 2016 contracts were awarded for three Enabling Works Contractors (EWC) working on behalf of HS2 Ltd across Phase 1 of the project. The EWC covering the SNDC area is Fusion, a joint venture between Morgan Sindall Infrastructure Services, BAM Nuttall Ltd and Ferrovial Agroman.

4.1.3 On 17 July 2017 contracts were awarded for HS2’s Main Works Civils Contractors (MWCC). The MWCC for the SNDC area is EK, which is a joint venture made of Eiffage and Kier.

5 General requirements

5.1.1 General control measures relating to community relations, hours of work, pollution incident control and security etc. are identified in Section 5 of the CoCP.

5.1.2 To reduce the likelihood of an environmental incident or nuisance occurring, measures from Section 5 of the CoCP will be implemented, as detailed in section 5.2 to 5.16 below.

5.1.3 HS2 and its Contractors will be running a series of engagement events and activities that will cover the upcoming programme of works and associated environmental controls where appropriate.

5.2 Community relations

5.2.1 As detailed within Section 5 of the CoCP, the Nominated Undertaker and Contractors will implement the Community Engagement Framework. The framework will focus on engagement during construction with the local communities and on the specific needs of protected groups (as defined in the Equalities Act 2010) especially those who may be affected by construction impacts in the immediate vicinity of the works. A range of tools will be used to achieve this that will tailor engagement to local needs.

5.2.2 Successful management of the project will involve understanding communities and their needs, actively engaging, listening and responding. The arrangements for this are set out in the HS2 Community Engagement Framework. Liaison with the local community will take place to consistently provide timely, clear tailored information on the construction programme and updates on forthcoming works. It will also provide the opportunity for members of the public to respond, discuss issues and provide feedback that can be acted upon. This information will be included in the local area plan for community engagement. HS2 and its Contractors have initiated engagement along the route via focused engagement events.
5.2.3 The local area plan will take account both of distinct geographic distribution of the communities in SNDC and will involve the Contractors and any relevant third parties and stakeholders, for which there will be co-ordination arrangements.

5.2.4 For the purposes of this LEMP, a third party is an organisation with whom HS2 Ltd has entered into a legal agreement to undertake works on its behalf, to be delivered under the powers of the High Speed Rail (London – West Midlands) Act (the Act), or the third party’s own powers (e.g. permitted development). Such agreements require the third parties to comply with the requirements of the Act and the EMRs, including the CoCP. Third parties relevant to this LEMP include utility companies such as Western Power Distribution and Severn Trent Water.

5.2.5 Ongoing engagement with local interests and community groups will occur during construction, as listed in Appendix 2 of this LEMP. This list is indicative and will be subject to change as more information becomes available.

Advanced notice of works

5.2.6 The Nominated Undertaker and its Contractors are committed to informing communities on matters of interest and relevance. Therefore they will ensure that stakeholders affected by the proposed construction works, as outlined in the ES, will be informed in advance of works by methods outlined in the community engagement framework and as per Section 5.1.4 of the CoCP.

Working hours
Consents

5.2.7 The framework for seeking consent from SNDC for working hours under section 61 of the Control of Pollution Act 1974 is set out in the CoCP.

Core working hours

5.2.8 Core working hours will be from 08:00 – 18:00 on weekdays (excluding bank holidays) and 08:00 – 13:00 on Saturdays. See also HS2 Information Paper D4: Working Hours.

5.2.9 A period of up to one hour before and up to one hour after core working hours will be required for start-up and close down activities as detailed within the CoCP. To maximise the productivity within the core working hours, the one hour start up and close down periods will include activities such as deliveries, workforce arrival/departure, unloading, maintenance and general preparation works etc. During this period plant and machinery that is likely to cause disturbance to local residents will not be allowed to operate. This period will not be an extension of the core working hours. Working outside of these hours would need to be agreed through the S61 consenting process with SNDC. Emergencies (not repairs and maintenance) may be undertaken outside core hours.
5.2.10 Certain work activities at specific locations within the local authority area will need to take place outside of the core working hours for safety and engineering purposes. These work activities (which may include construction associated with station, infrastructure works and rail works, including possessions) will be covered by the Section 61 process and are likely to include:

- Turweston Viaduct and Adjacent Earthworks and Brackley South Cutting;
- A43 Oxford Road Realignment and Overbridge;
- Brackley North Cutting;
- Greatworth South Cutting;
- Greatworth Green Tunnel;
- Thorpe Mandeville Cutting;
- Lower Thorpe Viaduct and Adjacent Earthworks;
- Edgcote Viaduct and Adjacent Earthworks;
- Chipping Warden Green Tunnel;
- Highfurlong Brook Viaduct and Adjacent Earthworks; and
- Lower Boddington Cutting and Embankment and Boddington Cutting.

5.3 Construction site layout and good housekeeping

5.3.1 The measures set out in Section 5.3 of the CoCP will be used to reduce the likelihood of an environmental incident or nuisance occurring.

5.4 Site lighting

5.4.1 All construction sites will be lit in accordance with the requirements of the CoCP as detailed within Section 5.4 and approval of site lighting in Schedule 17 Part 1 of the Act.

5.4.2 Site lighting will be designed to avoid light pollution to surrounding buildings, ecological receptors, structures used by protected species, local residents, railway operations, passing motorists and other sensitive land uses, where reasonably practicable.

5.5 Worksite security

5.5.1 The intention is to achieve safe and secure worksites, with balanced and appropriate security measures that are commensurate with the risk, as detailed within Section 5.5 of the CoCP.
5.5.2 A security plan will be required for each site and where appropriate, security fencing and gates provided to perimeters of construction locations and site compounds. Fence type and construction will be appropriate to the level of security required and depend upon the likelihood of intruders, level of danger and visual impact to the environment.

5.5.3 Contractors will be responsible for ensuring that the site/working areas and plant and materials are secure from use by unauthorised persons at all times and Plant Machinery will be securely locked away and immobilised each night. Securing sites will involve the use of physical, electronic and human resources in a proportionate and cost effective manner.

5.5.4 In some situations, particularly in an urban setting, consideration will be given to extra visibility for the public and workforce at night, e.g. use of half-timber/half-infill (i.e. Perspex) at hoarding corners together with convex mirror to prevent blind spots. All sites will have security lighting to ensure the safety of passing pedestrians and other traffic.

5.5.5 Security provisions will be deployed at all HS2 sites and working areas on a 24/7 basis this may include CCTV cameras, alarms and security personnel. This approach will help protect assets with measures that deter, delay and detect intrusion.

5.6 **Hoardings, fencing and screening**

5.6.1 The site perimeter will generally be fenced with 2.4m high solid hoardings that will be appropriately decorated, in line with measures described within Section 5.6.1 of the CoCP, if appropriate.

5.6.2 Hoardings up to 3.6m high may on occasions, be used to control construction noise. At locations where existing fencing may need to be removed, temporary wire mesh fencing or other suitable alternatives will be used. Specific hoarding heights in SNDC will be included in this LEMP as and when the hoarding designs are finalised.

5.6.3 Opportunities to include temporary landscaping measures including but not limited to green hoardings, ivy screens, artificial ivy and instant hedging will be considered and where reasonably practicable implemented where there are clear benefits to local air quality, biodiversity and visual appearance of the area, taking into account costs, longevity and ease of maintenance.

5.6.4 Where there are earthworks along the trace, for cuttings and embankments from the area north of Turweston viaduct to Lower Boddington, temporary fencing will be erected along the site boundaries. The type of fence will be dependent upon the nature of use of the adjacent land with regard to environmental and safety considerations.

5.6.5 The temporary workers’ on-site accommodation in the Brackley - Boddington area (within the main compound for touring caravans or modular accommodation units) will
be fenced (hoardings where appropriate) and well maintained. Screening will be subject to approval in accordance with the requirements for the construction of screens in Schedule 17 Part 1 to the Act.

5.7 Unexploded ordnance
5.7.1 A risk assessment for the possibility of unexploded ordnance being found within construction areas will be carried out, as detailed within Section 5.7 of the CoCP.

5.8 Electromagnetic interference
5.8.1 The impacts of electromagnetic interference during design and construction will be undertaken, as detailed within Section 5.8 of the CoCP.

5.9 Temporary living accommodation
5.9.1 The provision of on-site workers’ temporary living accommodation will be considered and approved in advance by the local authority, as detailed within Section 5.9 of the CoCP.

5.10 Occupational healthcare
5.10.1 The Nominated Undertaker will ensure there is provision for either access to on-site or near site occupational healthcare for site workers, as detailed within Section 5.10 of the CoCP.

5.11 Clearance and re-instatement of sites on completion
5.11.1 This will be carried out as detailed within Section 5.11 of the CoCP.

5.12 Pollution incident control and emergency preparedness
5.12.1 The Contractors’ Pollution Incident Control and Emergency Preparedness Plan(s) will need to have due regard to local receptors as detailed in Sections 6 to 16 of this LEMP.
5.12.2 The contractors’ will also consider measures and processes to be implemented in the event of environmental non-conformances.

Local control measures
5.12.3 The Contractor’s Pollution Incident Control and Emergency Preparedness Plan(s) will need to include the following pollution prevention and control measures:

- static plant will be used with secondary containment measures such as plant nappies to retain any leakage of fuel or oil and reduce the risk of pollution;
• spill kits will be provided where appropriate, such as at the 14 compounds and satellite compounds to reduce the risk of pollution;
• the use of oil interceptors at site offices and work compounds; and
• appropriate measures such as use of bunds of non-erodible material or silt or sediment fences adjacent to watercourses, such as the River Cherwell and Highfurlong Brook.

5.13 Fire prevention and control
5.13.1 The Contractors will ensure all construction sites and associated accommodation and welfare facilities will have in place appropriate plans and management controls to prevent fires. See also Section 5.13 of the CoCP.

5.14 Extreme weather events
5.14.1 The contractor’s pollution incident control and emergency preparedness plan(s) will need to have due regard to the potential of extreme weather events and key receptors and take into account any proposed risk management or mitigation measures. See also Section 5.14 of the CoCP. Where necessary, the statutory bodies will be consulted with regards to emergency planning.

5.15 Carbon management plans
5.15.1 The Contractor will produce carbon management plans, in accordance with the HS2 Carbon Minimisation Policy as detailed within Section 5.15 of the CoCP.

5.16 Interface management between adjacent construction areas
5.16.1 The Nominated Undertaker will oversee the interface between the Contractors as detailed within Section 5.16 of the CoCP, which may be within the same or adjacent local authority boundaries.

6 Agriculture, forestry and soils
6.1.1 General control measures relating to agriculture, forestry and soils are provided in Section 6 of the CoCP.

6.2 Sensitive receptors
6.2.1 Approximately 658ha of agricultural land will lie within the construction boundary in SNDC area. 18% of this land is of the best and most versatile quality in Grades 2 and 3a, with the remainder being moderate quality land in Subgrade 3b.
6.2.2 Approximately 247ha will be required permanently for the Scheme, with 411ha restored to agriculture.

6.2.3 The generally high quality soils that will be permanently displaced and reused in the design of the Scheme for agriculture and other uses, represent a sensitive receptor.

6.2.4 Some land uses situated adjacent to the construction boundary may be considered sensitive receptors, particularly in respect of farm infrastructure and crops. This includes interruptions to drainage systems, livestock water supplies and irrigation systems, the potential for dust deposition on crops, particularly field vegetables; interruptions to farm and field accesses; and the maintenance of appropriate stock-proof fencing. This also applies to approximately 411ha of land within the construction boundary in SNDC that is to be restored to agriculture. Nitrate rich soil may need to be stored on an impervious membrane.

6.3 Local control measures

6.3.1 Where topsoil and subsoil will be stripped across the site, a Soil Resources Plan (SRP) will be prepared. The SRP will establish the type and volume of the topsoil and subsoil to be stripped, the designated location of the stockpiles and the proposed use of conserved soils for land restoration. There is a commitment in the ES for the reuse of soils on the scheme.

6.3.2 In the provision of early ecological mitigation areas, the topsoil and subsoil will be entirely reused within the boundaries of each site and therefore an SRP will not be produced for these sites.

6.3.3 In areas where compounds are to be created, it is envisaged that the area will be stripped of topsoil (and subsoil where required). Temporary material stockpiles will be clearly recorded and the topsoil and subsoil will be reinstated.

6.3.4 In respect of storage areas for soil and excavated materials, and within the wider construction site, the presence and spread of invasive, non-native species (plants and animals) and noxious weeds will be controlled through the adoption of an appropriate management regime. This will identify and effectively treat areas which might also threaten adjoining agricultural areas.

6.3.5 Appropriate construction, handling, treatment and disposal procedures will be implemented in relation to invasive species and noxious weeds. Route-wide measures will also be implemented to promote bio-security and minimise the risk that invasive non-native species and diseases are spread as a consequence of the project. Further details are provided in Section 6 of the CoCP.

6.3.6 Measures for the protection of farm infrastructure and crops will be the subject of liaison with landowners, occupiers and land agents.
6.3.7 Following consultation with individual farmers, arrangements are being made with the farmer and documented in Farmers and Growers' packs. Details on the scope of these packs is included in the HS2 Guide for Farmers and Growers and can be seen at this link: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/hs2-guide-for-farmers-and-growers

7 Air quality

7.1.1 General control measures relating to management of air quality are provided in Section 7 of the CoCP.

7.1.2 Contractors will be required to manage dust, air pollution, odour and exhaust emissions during the construction works in accordance with Best Practicable Means (BPM) and refer to current publications on ‘best practice’.

7.2 Sensitive receptors

7.2.1 The Contractor’s working methods will have due regard to local sensitive receptors where there may be impacts due to dust emissions from construction works and exhaust emissions of air pollutants from construction traffic vehicles travelling to and from construction areas.

7.2.2 For air quality, relevant sensitive receptors include locations where there are residential properties, other types of property where there is human exposure over extended periods, for example hospitals and schools, and locations where there are designated ecological sites with sensitive vegetation. The potential impacts are considered in terms of dust soiling on people and property; human health effects of dust and air pollutant emissions; and effects of dust deposition on vegetation.

7.2.3 The locations of these receptors have been classified as ‘low’, ‘medium’ and ‘high’ risk using the Institute of Air Quality Management (IAQM) methodology, in relation to emissions of dust from construction and demolition activities. Sensitive receptors are located within 20m of the site boundary and of dust generating activities along certain sections of the route. In the SNDC area, these can include properties Sundale, Hall Farm, Greatworth Hall, Water End, Manor Cottages, Astral House, Spella Bungalow,

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1 Guidance on the Assessment of dust from construction and demolition: Institute of Air Quality Management (IAQM), February 2014
2 Air Quality Monitoring in the Vicinity of Demolition and Construction Sites: IAQM, November 2012
4 Guidance on the assessment of dust from construction and demolition: Institute of Air Quality Management (IAQM), February 2014
Blackgrounds Farm, properties on Culworth Road and Fir Tree House. In addition, the Helmdon Disused Railway SSSI is crossed by the route.

7.2.4 Receptors affected by emissions from anticipated construction traffic include Chacombe Lodge Farm, Walnut House, Grimsbury Manor and properties on Banbury Lane, the A361 Byfield Road, Dean Close, Stroud Close, Daventry Road and Fisher Close.

7.3 Local control measures

7.3.1 All the relevant methods outlined within the CoCP will be applied to control and manage potential air quality effects. These methods are considered to be sufficiently effective within areas in and around those listed in Section 7.2.2, which can include; the provision of dust suppression measures to be carried out in all areas of the site that are likely to generate dust, measures to keep roads and accesses clean and vehicles and the enclosure, shielding or provision of filters on plant likely to generate excessive quantities of dust beyond the site boundaries.

7.3.2 Dust suppression measures and works screening are approved route-wide under the Class Approval process\(^5\) and therefore will not require additional approval process. Further measures are detailed within Section 7 of the CoCP.

7.3.3 HS2 has set emission requirements and targets for the engines of contractor cars, vans, and heavy road vehicles. These have been developed for the whole route and are categorised as follows: London Low Emission Zone, Clean Air Zone and Rest of Route.

7.3.4 For SNDC the relevant category of vehicle emission standard is the ‘Rest of Route’. Within the ‘Rest of Route’ category, there are requirements for heavy road vehicles to be powered by EURO VI (or cleaner) engines (as far as reasonably practicable; 100% from 2020) and for cars and vans to be Euro 6 diesel and Euro 4 petrol\(^6\). There are also targets for the use of Ultra Low Emission vehicles.

7.3.5 HS2 has also set requirements for Non-Road Mobile Machinery (NRMM) (i.e. stationary plant and off road vehicles). These have been developed for the whole route and are categorised as follows: Central Activity Zone, Rest of Greater London and Rest of Country. For SNDC, the relevant category of NRMM emission standard is Rest of Country. Within the Rest of Country the requirement is for NRMM to be powered by EU stage IIIB engines from 2017 (and EU stage IV from 2020)\(^7\).

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\(^6\) Euro standards for heavy vehicles are given in terms of roman numerals. Euro standards for light vehicles are given in terms of numerical values and different Euro standards apply for petrol and diesel vehicles.

\(^7\) Roman numerals are also used within the NRMM EU regulations but are not directly comparable to the road vehicle Euro standards.
7.3.6 The HS2 Information Paper E31: Air Quality gives further information on the HS2 emissions standards.

7.4 Monitoring Procedures

7.4.1 An inspection monitoring programme will be implemented by the Contractor to assess the effectiveness of the control measures as outlined in Section 7.3 of the CoCP. In the SNDC area, the monitoring procedures may include continuous automatic monitoring of airborne dust, including setting a relevant site action level for dust (defined as a dust measurement threshold above which investigation will be required). The monitoring being undertaken by HS2 supplements existing air quality monitoring which is part of national and local authority surveys. Monitoring of NOx or nitrogen deposition is not necessary in this area as the relevant CFAs state that there are no impacts originating from the proposed works.

7.4.2 The monitoring programme, including locations for dust monitoring is in the process of being agreed. Monthly reports of monitoring data from HS2 air quality surveys will be made publicly available throughout construction on the HS2 website at this address: https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/monitoring-the-environmental-effects-of-hs2. The HS2 Air Quality Strategy gives further information on monitoring, including the process to determine where monitoring would be required and the monitoring methods to be used. This document is available at the same website address as referenced in paragraph above above.

8 Cultural heritage

8.1.1 General control measures relating to cultural heritage are provided in Section 8 of the CoCP. Further control measures for Cultural Heritage are provided in the Hs2 Phase One Heritage Memorandum within the Environmental Minimum Requirements and the specific documents identified therein.

8.1.2 A route-wide Generic Written Scheme of Investigation: Historic Environment Research and Delivery Strategy (GWSI:HERDS) has been prepared which sets out the general principles for design, evaluation, mitigation, analysis, reporting and archive deposition to be adopted for the design development and construction of the Scheme.

8.1.3 Works associated with the scheme will impact both designated and non-designated archaeological and built heritage assets in SNDC. Full details of the works to be undertaken (i.e. archaeological investigations and built heritage recording) will be determined during the detailed design and will be set out in Project Plans and Location-Specific Written Scheme of Investigations (LS-WSI).
8.1.4 Schedule 18 and Schedule 19 to the Act concern how legislation in respect of listed buildings and scheduled monuments respectively apply to the Phase One works. Schedule 20 to the Act provides a regime for the removal of human remains and related funerary monuments.

8.2 **Sensitive receptors**

8.2.1 The following designated heritage assets are located within or adjacent to the Scheme and therefore require particular attention by the Contractor:

- The registered battlefield, Edgcote Battlefield;
- The Grade II listed building, Lower Thorpe Farmhouse;
- The Grade II listed building, Trafford Bridge;
- Chipping Warden Conservation Area;
- Greatworth Conversation Area;
- Church of St. Lawrence Radstone (Grade I);
- Greatworth Hall, Greatworth (Grade II);
- Stone walls, gatepiers and gateways at entrance to Manor House Thorpe Mandeville (Grade II);
- Church St. John the Baptist, Thorpe Mandeville (Grade I);
- Thorpe Mandeville Conservation Area; and,
- Culworth Conservation Area.

8.2.2 Details of all designated and non-designated heritage assets within 500m of the land required, temporarily or permanently, for the construction of the scheme are listed in Volume 5 of the ES (Appendices CH-002-014 and CH-002-015 and Maps CH-01-045 to CH-01-053 (Volume 5, Cultural Heritage Map Book)).

8.3 **Local control measures**

8.3.1 Where practicable, construction methodologies will be required to reduce the impacts on heritage assets. The CoCP sets out the provisions that will be adopted to control those effects, including the use of appropriate equipment and methods to limit ground disturbance and settlement followed by monitoring, protection and remediation. A programme of settlement monitoring and the implementation of avoidance measures where appropriate will be undertaken by the Contractor. Detailed provisions with
regard to settlement and listed buildings are outlined in the Settlement Policy / HS2 Information Paper: C3 Ground Settlement.

8.3.2 Those Listed Buildings to be demolished, altered or relocated are named in Table 1 of Schedule 18 of the Act and are the subject of Heritage Agreements with SNDC and Historic England. These agreements require details of works concerning each of the listed buildings to be submitted to SNDC for approval, and Historic England for consultation where applicable.

8.3.3 Those Listed Buildings which may require works to maintain or restore their character, or for the affixing of monitoring apparatus are named in Table 2 of Schedule 18 of the Act. Listed Buildings named in Table 2 are also covered by a Heritage Agreement with SNDC, which sets out arrangements for obtaining approvals for protective or monitoring works to these buildings.

8.3.4 Where practicable, below ground assets will be preserved in situ beneath mitigation earthworks through the adoption of appropriate design measures.

8.3.5 Where practicable, construction methodologies will reduce the impacts on buried and upstanding remains.

8.3.6 The programme of archaeological and built heritage works will be undertaken by a specialist Contractor appointed by the Nominated Undertaker prior to and during, the construction period in accordance with the provisions of the LS-WSI for archaeology and built heritage.

8.4 Monitoring

8.4.1 Risk assessments, appropriate structural and/or condition surveys and vibration monitoring will be undertaken at locations of archaeological or built heritage interest adjacent to construction sites, prior to, during and following construction works, as detailed within Section 8.4 of the CoCP.

9 Ecology

9.1.1 General control measures relating to ecology are provided in Section 9 of the CoCP.

9.2 Sensitive receptors

9.2.1 The following locations which lie within or are adjacent to the Scheme in South Northamptonshire are designated for nature conservation. These locations are shown within the Volume 5 map books of the ES:

- Helmdon Disused Railway Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) is crossed by the route (Ch97+400);
• Fox Covert (Whitfield) Local Wildlife Site (LWS), the southern part of the site lies within the land required for the construction (Ch97+000);

• Radstone Road Verge LWS, section of the road verge lies within land required for the construction (Ch97+000);

• Halse Copse South LWS, the southern part of the LWS, some of which is ancient woodland lies within the land required for the construction (Ch99+500 to Ch100+000);

• Halse Copse North LWS, the western boundary of which will be next to an area that will be used for ecological compensation for the scheme (Ch100+200 to Ch100+750);

• Washbrook Spinney LWS, located approximately 470m north of the land required for construction of the scheme but it may be subject to changes in groundwater (Ch102+500);

• Washbrook Lake LWS, located approximately 675m north of the land required for construction of the scheme but it may be subject to changes in groundwater (Ch102+100);

• Trafford Bridge Marsh LWS, includes part of the River Cherwell and is partially within land required for constriction of the scheme (Ch108+500); and

• Aston le Walls Railway LWS, the central section of this linear site is within land required for construction of the scheme (Ch112+500).

9.2.2 Sensitive habitat receptors outside of designated sites are displayed within the Volume 5 map books of the ES. These include:

• River Great Ouse, crossed by the scheme on the border with Aylesbury Vale (Ch95+600);

• The Radstone Brook, a tributary of the River Great Ouse (Ch97+900);

• Woodland at Fox Covert (Whitfield) LWS (Ch97+000);

• An area of unnamed wood south of Radstone, semi-natural broadleaved woodland (Ch97+800);

• Helmdon Disused Railway SSSI including grassland (lowland calcareous and semi-improved neutral grassland), wetland (including a field immediately to the south of the SSSI) and mature scrub (Ch97+400);

• Painters Spinney (Ch103+200);
9.2.3 Key protected or important species known to occur in the vicinity of the works are:

- bats (roosts and key commuting and foraging habitat);
- bat assemblages;
- breeding birds including barn owls;
- great crested newts;
- common reptiles;
• otter;
• fish;
• wintering bird assemblages;
• widespread reptiles;
• badgers;
• water vole;
• terrestrial invertebrates including nationally scarce beetles;
• aquatic macroinvertebrates; and,
• flora.

9.2.4 Further information on designated sites and legally protected species occurring in this area can be found within Volumes 2 and 5 of the ES.

9.2.5 Contractors will check whether any protected species licences are required prior to work commencing or where such licences have been obtained, to ensure compliance with the requirements of the licence.

9.2.6 Natural England has granted the HS2 organisational great crested newt and badger licences across Phase 1 in April 2017. Contractors will check whether any protected species licences are required prior to work commencing or where such licences have been obtained, ensure compliance with the requirements of the licence.

9.2.7 All actions required to comply with licences, will be undertaken by suitably qualified specialist ecologists licensed to undertake the work.

9.3 Local control measures

9.3.1 The standard ecological issues and associated control measures outlined in Table 1 are of particular relevance to this area.

Table 1: Standard ecological issues and control measures relevant to this area

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<td>Designated Sites</td>
<td>The Scheme affects SSSI, LWS and non-statutory wildlife sites.</td>
<td>Measures to reduce habitat loss should be included in planning of construction works, such as avoiding siting temporary material stockpiles, construction materials and vehicle parking within designated sites.</td>
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<td>Ancient Woodland</td>
<td>The Scheme will result in the loss of ancient woodland.</td>
<td>Measures to reduce habitat loss should be included in planning of construction works. Translocation of ancient woodland soils and vegetation will be undertaken where appropriate, following the design specification set out in the relevant Ecology Site Management Plans.</td>
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<td>Bats</td>
<td>All UK bat species and their roosts (even if bats are not present) are fully protected under both UK and European legislation. The Scheme will result in the loss of confirmed bat roosts in trees and buildings.</td>
<td>Adhere to requirements of licences and, where relevant, Ecology Site Management Plans. Adopt precautionary approach. Follow appropriate Working Method Statement for demolition of buildings and felling of trees. Where practicable, undertake activities causing disturbance during seasonal periods when bats are likely to be absent. Ensure lighting is directed away from known roosts. Minimise night time working in close proximity to retained roosts. Where practicable, temporary structures will be erected to screen the entrances/ exits of retained roosts from construction areas.</td>
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<td>Breeding birds</td>
<td>The nests and eggs of all bird species are legally protected against being damaged or taken. Some species are specially protected against disturbance whilst nesting. The Scheme will result in the loss of nesting bird habitat, including vegetation, buildings and structures.</td>
<td>Retain as much of the key habitat for as long as possible and establish new areas as quickly as possible to reduce the effects. Ensure lighting is directed away from foraging areas and commuting routes. Reduce night time working in close proximity to foraging areas and commuting routes. Habitat clearance should be conducted outside of the bird nesting season (March to August inclusive) where practicable. If habitat clearance is carried out during the bird nesting season, then an appropriate Working Method Statement shall be completed in advance of clearance works commencing.</td>
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<td>Great crested newt</td>
<td>Great crested newts and their habitats are fully protected under both UK and European legislation. The Scheme will result in the loss of water bodies and terrestrial habitat used by great crested newts.</td>
<td>Adhere to requirements of HS2 great crested newt organisational licence, method statements, and Ecology Site Management Plans.</td>
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<td>Common amphibians</td>
<td>The Scheme will result in the loss of water bodies supporting common amphibians. Clearance during peak periods of occupation could result in the loss of these populations.</td>
<td>Drain down of ponds should be conducted outside of the main breeding period for amphibians (March to July) where practicable. If drain down of ponds is carried out during the main breeding period then an appropriate Working Method Statement shall be completed in advance of drain down works commencing.</td>
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<td>Common reptiles</td>
<td>Common species of reptile (grass snake, adder, common lizard and slow worm) are protected from intentional killing or injury. Common reptiles are widespread, and the Scheme will result in the loss of confirmed and potential reptile habitat.</td>
<td>Where works have the potential to kill or injure reptiles, but there is suitable habitat immediately adjacent to the work site that could support a viable population (with enhancements where necessary) the Habitat Manipulation and Displacement approach should be followed. A Working Method Statement should be produced in advance of works commencing.</td>
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Where there is no suitable habitat immediately adjacent to the work site, the Reptile Translocation approach should be followed. A Working Method Statement should be produced in advance of works commencing. This will include details of the approach, any exclusion fencing required, and details of the receptor site.

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<td>Badger</td>
<td>Badgers and their setts are protected under the Protection of Badger Act 1992. Badgers are widespread, and the Scheme will result in the loss of badger habitat, including setts.</td>
<td>Adhere to the requirements of the HS2 badger organisational licence, method statements, and Ecology Site Management Plans. Avoid badger setts to reduce disturbance where they do not need to be closed. Badgers are a mobile species and can create new setts in a short period of time. Contractors to be aware of the potential for badger setts to be present within or adjacent to work sites – works to be stopped if potential setts are identified and an ecologist contacted for advice.</td>
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<td>Hazel dormouse</td>
<td>Hazel dormice and their habitats are fully protected under both UK and European legislation. The Scheme will result in the loss of habitats that are suitable for hazel dormouse, although this species has not been recorded along the Scheme to date.</td>
<td>Where relevant adhere to requirements of licences and Ecology Site Management Plans.</td>
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<td>Otter</td>
<td>Otters are fully protected under both UK and European legislation. All major watercourses crossed by the Scheme have otters present or are potentially suitable to support them. It is not expected that there will be any fragmentation of otter movement routes, however, there is the potential for disturbance during construction along some parts of the Scheme.</td>
<td>Adhere to requirements of licences and, where relevant, Ecology Site Management Plans. Ensure that route of safe passage for otters is maintained throughout construction at crossing points. Use fencing as required to prevent otters being forced over existing road crossings. Reduce light spill onto watercourses.</td>
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<td>Water vole</td>
<td>Water voles are fully protected under UK legislation. The Scheme will result in the loss of confirmed and potential water vole habitat.</td>
<td>An appropriate Working Method Statement should be produced in advance of works commencing, where relevant. Adhere to requirements of translocation licence, where relevant. Contractors to be aware of the potential for water voles to be present within or adjacent to work sites – works to be stopped if water vole evidence is identified and an ecologist contacted for advice.</td>
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<td>Aquatic wildlife (such as fish, eels, invertebrates)</td>
<td>There are watercourses within the vicinity of the works, some of which have been identified as supporting aquatic wildlife which could be at risk of direct impacts during channel works or indirectly from contamination.</td>
<td>Part of the monitoring strategy for watercourses, informed by work carried out for the Environmental Statements and for Water Framework Directive assessments, is to include a plan for monitoring pre, during and post construction where aquatic species are identified as sensitive receptors. These monitoring plans will be agreed by the Environment Agency. Local control measures will include protection of aquatic species, where necessary. Moving fish will be undertaken in accordance with the HS2 organisational fish permit.</td>
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<td>Invasive plants</td>
<td>There is a risk of work sites and adjacent land supporting invasive non-native species (INNS), as defined in Schedule 9 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended), in particular Japanese knotweed. INNS have been already recorded along some parts of the Scheme through previous survey work.</td>
<td>Land required for the works and immediately adjacent land (where practicable) shall be surveyed for the presence of INNS using a risk based approach with a focus on high-risk species. A Biosecurity Management Plan shall be produced in advance of works commencing, where required.</td>
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<td>General</td>
<td>Unexpected discovery of legally protected species during works.</td>
<td>There will be a procedure to follow in the unexpected event that protected species are identified during construction. This will include seeking appropriate licences and consulting with Natural England. Unexpected finds of great crested newts or badgers are covered by the organisational licences and works must be in accordance with those licences.</td>
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9.3.2 Further information on the control of ecological impacts is provided in HS2 Information Paper E2: Ecological Impact, Section 9 of the CoCP, in Technical Note: Ecological principles of mitigation are set out in Volume 5 of the SES2 and AP3 ES (Scope and methodology report addendum (CT-001-000/2)).

9.4 Monitoring

9.4.1 Contractors will be required to undertake appropriate monitoring of the consequences of construction works on ecological resources and of the effectiveness of the management measures designed to control ecological effects, as detailed within Section 9.3 of the CoCP.

10 Ground settlement

10.1.1 General control measures relating to ground settlement are provided in Section 10 of the CoCP. Specific measures to reduce and repair settlement and requirements with regard to assessment, surveys and monitoring are contained in the Settlement Policy / HS2 Information Paper C3: Ground Settlement.

10.1.2 Requirements for monitoring will be confirmed by the settlement report prepared during the detailed design stage. Where determined as necessary, monitoring will be undertaken on selected adjacent buildings, structures and the conventional railway tracks. Baseline readings will be taken prior to the commencement of excavation.

10.1.3 The monitoring strategy, methodology and programme, including the choice and location of monitoring equipment, will be discussed and agreed with the local authorities and land/building owners prior to commencement of construction.

10.1.4 Where significant building movement is predicted to be caused by excavation induced ground movements, ground treatment/improvement techniques might be required to ensure that if ground movement occurs, it stays within agreed and acceptable limits thereby limiting the impacts on buildings.

10.1.5 Monitoring may be required where existing sensitive buildings/structures/utilities are in close proximity to the planned excavation works. An assessment of the sensitivity of each building/structure/utility in close proximity to the excavation works will be carried out at the detailed design stage. This will then inform the design/specification of the monitoring system for that building/structure/utility and will also inform the design of any movement mitigation works if these are deemed necessary by the designer.
10.1.6 Prior to the commencement of construction, structural surveys and condition/defect surveys will be commissioned where structures are at likely risk of potentially damaging settlements.

10.1.7 Compensation grouting arrays could be installed and serviced from within the main worksite. However external shaft locations may also be required. Current designs indicate that no shafts will be required within this planning area.

11 Land quality

11.1.1 Further land quality study work including intrusive ground investigation (where needed) and analysis will be conducted prior to construction in order to confirm areas of suspected land contamination within the Scheme for the area. Contaminated sites beyond the Scheme will be considered only in terms of its potential impact on the Scheme. For the purposes of this LEMP it is assumed that no new land quality constraints will be identified during these pre-construction surveys. If new constraints are identified, then the LEMP would be updated accordingly. No contaminated sites (in accordance with the meaning defined in Part IIa of the Environmental Protection Act, 1990) have been formally identified by the Regulator (in accordance with and the Contaminated Land (England) Regulations 2000) within the Scheme.

11.1.2 General control measures relating to land quality are provided in Section 11 of the CoCP.

11.2 Potential contamination sources and sensitive receptors

11.2.1 The following land with potentially contaminative existing or historical uses has been identified as a possible contaminative risk to HS2 works (and can be seen in Volume 5 mapbook of the main ES):

- Existing sewage works east of Thorpe Mandeville;
- Radstone Turn Inert historical landfill;
- Dismantled railway crossing route (Helmdon Disused Railway);
- Former sand and gravel quarry;
- Dismantled railway crossing (east of Greatworth);
- Former RAF Greatworth Wireless Transmission Station, now Greatworth Park Trading Estate and farmland;
- Various historical quarries (including north-west of Lower Thorpe, south of...
Trafford Bridge, north-west of Trafford Bridge and east of Chipping Warden);

- Tanks at Blackgrounds Farm;
- Former RAF Chipping Warden Airfield; and,
- Sewage works (west of Lower Boddington).

11.2.2 With regard to the above identified contaminative risks, the Contractors will have due regard to the following sensitive receptors:

- people, including residents in existing properties, local employees, construction and/or maintenance workers;
- controlled waters, including groundwater in the Blisworth Limestone and Taynton Limestone Formations and White Limestone Formation (Principal aquifers) and various Secondary A aquifers;
- the River Great Ouse and River Cherwell and their tributaries;
- ecological receptor of Helmdon Disused Railway SSSI;
- the built environment, including buildings, property and underground structures and services; and,
- the natural environment.

11.3 Local control measures

11.3.1 Ground investigations are to be undertaken to assess areas of potential contamination within the Scheme. Following development of a conceptual ground model and a risk assessment a remedial strategy will be prepared, as needed. Consultation with SNDC and the Environment Agency will take place during the formulation of the remedial strategy, which will include measures to be taken if unexpected contamination is encountered as outlined in Section 11 of the CoCP.

11.3.2 Contaminated soils or groundwater excavated from the site are to be separated from other materials and, wherever reasonably practicable, will be treated as necessary to remove or render any contamination inactive, and reused within the Scheme where needed and suitable for use. Treatment techniques are likely to include stabilisation methods, soil washing and appropriately permitted bio-remediation to remove oil contaminants. Contaminated soil disposed off-site will be taken to a soil treatment facility, another construction site (for licensed treatment, as necessary, and reuse) or an appropriately permitted landfill site.

11.3.3 Excavation through the Dismantled Railway at Helmdon, Dismantled railway crossing (east of Greatworth), the Former RAF Greatworth Wireless Transmission station and
RAF Chipping Warden in SNDC will be required. Should the ground investigation discover contaminated materials within the area required to construct the cutting in these locations, it will be excavated, then treated and re-used, or removed, as appropriate. In addition, ground (landfill) gas and/or leachate control systems will be constructed where necessary to manage ingress to the Scheme or control migration pathways external to the works where pathways have been affected adversely by the construction.

11.3.4 Similar measures will be undertaken at other sites where contaminated soils or groundwater are identified during the investigation and/or construction processes.

11.4 Minerals

11.4.1 The Scheme crosses a number of Mineral Safeguarding Areas in SNDC area, including those for building stone, sand and gravel as well as Preferred Areas and an Area of Search for sand and gravel.

11.4.2 Mitigation of potential impact on these mineral resources can include prior extraction of the resource for use within the project or elsewhere. Extraction may be limited to areas of environmental mitigation earthworks within the Scheme adjacent to rather than beneath the track bed, which will require good founding conditions. A plan will be discussed in advance of the construction works with the landowner and/or mineral owner, the mineral planning department at Northamptonshire County Council and any other interested parties to assist in achieving an effective management of minerals within the location of the affected Mineral Safeguarding Areas as well as Preferred Areas and Areas of Search.

12 Landscape and visual

12.1.1 General control measures relating to land quality are provided in Section 12 of the CoCP.

12.2 Sensitive receptors

12.2.1 With reference to the set-up and location of temporary works, the Contractors will have due regard to limiting impacts of the character of the following landscape character areas (LCAs):

- The Tove Catchment Undulating Claylands LCA;
- Middleton Cheney and Woodford Halse LCA;
- Eydon Ironstone Hills LCA;
- Boddington Broad Unwooded Vale LCA; and,
• Boddington Low Pastoral Hills LCA.

12.2.2 The Contractors will also have due regard to limiting visual intrusion on the following visual receptors:

• Residents in the area, particularly at villages of Halse, Greatworth, Marston St Lawrence, Thorpe Mandeville, Culworth, Chipping Warden, Aston le Walls, Lower Boddington and Upper Boddington, Whitfield, Radstone and the larger settlement area of Brackley and isolated groups of residences interspersed throughout the landscape;

• Recreational users on PRoW throughout the study area, including the Battlefields Trail, Macmillan Way and the Jurassic Way;

• People travelling through the area along numerous ‘scenic’ rural roads within the study area and on main roads, including the A361 Byfield Road at Chipping Warden and the A43 at Brackley;

• People engaged in formal sports at Washbrook Farm Eventing Centre;

• People at work at Greatworth Park and Appleton Business Park; and

• Chipping Warden Primary School.

• Appleton Industrial Estate

12.3 Local control measures

12.3.1 Measures that have been incorporated into the CoCP to avoid or reduce landscape and visual effects during construction include the following (see Volume 5):

• maximising the retention and protection of existing trees and vegetation where possible;

• use of well-maintained hoardings and fencing;

• use of high-quality hoardings and noise barriers;

• designing lighting to avoid unnecessary intrusion onto adjacent buildings and other land uses;

• appropriate design, implementation and maintenance of planting and seeding works and implementation of management measures throughout the construction period as landscape works are completed;

• temporary bunds to be positioned to screen views to the route during construction;
• consideration of the specific location of construction compound layouts and site access in relation to existing vegetation to reduce visual impacts where practicable; and,

• the specific location of temporary material stockpiles to reduce visual impacts.

12.4 Trees

12.4.1 The Contractor will give consideration to where trees and other planting can be established early in the construction programme. For example, where trees require removal due to utility works early in the programme, replacement trees will be provided at the earliest possible opportunity, where reasonably practicable. The Nominated Undertaker will ensure any early planting during construction is maintained to promote healthy growth.

12.4.2 Where practicable, the Contractor will carry out surveys and agree the details of tree retention and protection measures, in accordance with BS 5837:2012 Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction – Recommendations, in advance of any works in the vicinity of trees.

12.5 Site Buildings for Office and Welfare

12.5.1 Buildings will generally be of a temporary modular type; they will typically be multi-storey to maximise construction space and limit land take.

13 Noise and vibration

13.1.1 General control measures relating to noise and vibration are provided in Section 13 of the CoCP and additional information is provided in Information Paper E23: Control of construction noise and vibration.

13.2 Sensitive receptors

13.2.1 Noise and vibration construction assessment locations, at sensitive residential and non-residential properties, are identified within Noise and Vibration Volume 5 - map book (ref: ES3.5.4)

13.2.2 The avoidance and mitigation measures in this area will avoid airborne construction noise adverse effects on the majority of residential receptors and communities. Non-residential sensitive receptors for which the ES has reported likely adverse impacts from construction noise are located at commercial properties located in Greatworth Park (CSV15-N01) and Greatworth Hall (CSV15-N02), Chipping Warden Primary School (CSV15-N03).
13.2.3 HS2 Ltd will continue to seek reasonably practicable measures to further reduce or avoid these significant effects.

13.2.4 Residential and non-residential sensitive receptors for which the ES has reported likely adverse impacts from construction noise and/or vibration are mainly located at residential communities at Greatworth (including Greatworth Park), Thorpe Mandeville, Chipping Warden, Aston le Walls and Lower Boddington and commercial properties at Greatworth Hall, Greatworth Park and Radstone. Noise from construction traffic is likely to affect residential properties, the Church of St John the Baptist, Thorpe Mandeville village hall and The Three Conies public house along Banbury Lane, where it passes through Thorpe Mandeville.

13.2.5 The following residential properties are currently identified as qualifying for a noise insulation package as detailed within the noise insulation and temporary rehousing policy and further detailed assessment would be required to confirm this:

- two residential buildings (the dwellings at The Old Dairy and Greatworth Hall, Greatworth)

13.2.6 The management of the construction traffic routes leading to elevated traffic noise levels will be important in the following areas:

- at approximately 40 dwellings located immediately adjacent to Banbury Lane where it passes through Thorpe Mandeville; and

- along Banbury Road, which is likely to cause significant indirect noise effects at the Church of St John the Baptist, Thorpe Mandeville village hall and The Three Conies public house.

13.2.7 Noise from construction works within the vicinity of the following locations will need to be managed carefully:

- commercial properties located in Greatworth Park and Greatworth Hall. Works in the vicinity include the construction of the Greatworth green tunnel;

- Chipping Warden Primary School. Works in the vicinity include the construction of the Byfield Road realignment;

- St Lawrence’s Church, Radstone. Works in the vicinity include the construction of the Radstone Road overbridge and footpath diversions works; and,

- proposed bed and breakfast development at Hall Farm, Radstone. Works in the vicinity include the construction of the landscape mitigation earthworks.
13.3 **Local control measures**

13.3.1 Site specific best practicable means measures to control noise and vibration have been identified through the Parliamentary process and discussions with SNDC, and reflected in this document. Furthermore, site specific measures will be identified by the works contractor on a site-by-site and activity-by-activity basis and agreed with SNDC through the Section 61 process. As identified in the ES, examples of best practicable means measures that may be employed by the Contractor to control noise and vibration include:

- additional height hoardings which may, on occasion, be used to control construction noise. These will be subject to approval in accordance with the requirements of Schedule 17 Part 1 of the Act;

- arranging the layout of compounds to reduce noise impacts where construction compounds are in close proximity to noise sensitive receptors. This may include placing any stacked portacabins between noisy works and sensitive receptors;

- taller screening as described in the CoCP has been assumed along the edge of the construction site boundary adjacent to the residential communities at Greatworth (including Greatworth Park); Thorpe Mandeville; Chipping Warden; Aston le Walls; Lower Boddington and Radstone; and

- controlling noise and vibration at source - for example the selection of quiet and low vibration equipment, review of construction programme and methodology to consider quieter methods.

13.3.2 The following residential buildings are forecast to experience noise levels higher than the noise insulation trigger levels as defined in the CoCP (Section 13) and are identified in the ES as qualifying for a noise insulation package as detailed within the Noise Insulation and Temporary Rehousing Policy:

- two residential buildings (the dwellings at The Old Dairy and Greatworth Hall, Greatworth).

13.3.3 Local control measures will be periodically reviewed, including following any material changes in the proposed construction method.

13.4 **Monitoring**

13.4.1 The Nominated Undertaker will require its Contractors’ to undertake and report such monitoring, as is necessary to ensure and demonstrate compliance with all noise and vibration commitments and the requirements of the CoCP. These can be found on the HS2 website at this address: [https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/monitoring-the-environmental-effects-of-hs2](https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/monitoring-the-environmental-effects-of-hs2).
13.4.2 As set out in Section 4.3.10 of the CoCP, where the Nominated Undertaker’s Contractors’ are monitoring noise, dust and air quality with equipment capable of streaming data in real time, this will be made available to SNDC if a written request is made. In addition, monthly noise monitoring reports will be made publicly available throughout construction. The monthly reports will include information such as measurement methodology and monitoring locations. The reports will be available on the HS2 website: https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/monitoring-the-environmental-effects-of-hs2

13.4.3 All noise and vibration monitoring equipment should hold a valid calibration certificate issued by either a United Kingdom Accreditation Service (UKAS) accredited calibration laboratory or equipment manufacturer.

14 Traffic and transport

14.1.1 Route-wide, local area and site specific traffic management measures will be implemented during the construction of the project on or adjacent to public roads, bridleways, footpaths and other PRoW affected by the Scheme as necessary. These measures are guided by Section 14 the CoCP.

14.1.2 The CoCP sets out a number of measures to ensure the impacts from construction traffic on the local community are reduced by its Contractors where reasonably practicable:

- A Route-wide Traffic Management Plan (RTMP) setting out generic traffic management measures to be implemented during the construction of the project;
- Local Traffic Management Plans (LTMPs) will set out specific traffic management measures for each work site within particular areas along the route. Information on how the local impacts of construction will be mitigated, in particular those associated with materials delivery and redistribution, offices and workers’ accommodation will be included within the LTMP or on a site-specific basis;
- Contractors will prepare site specific traffic management measures, which will be subject to consultation and, as necessary, consent;
- Contractors will prepare construction workforce travel plans with the aim of encouraging the use of sustainable modes of transport to reduce the impact of workforce travel on local residents and businesses; and
- For road cleanliness Contractors will be required to use all reasonably practicable measures to avoid/limit and mitigate the deposition of mud and other debris on the highway.

14.1.3 HS2 will require its contractors to undertake such monitoring as is necessary to ensure compliance with the requirements of the CoCP, and this will include the maintenance of records of traffic management measures.

14.1.4 Information relating to construction traffic is also provided in Information papers:

- D11: Maintaining access to residential and commercial property during construction;
- E13: Management of traffic during construction;
- E14: Highways and traffic during construction – legislative provisions; and,
- E30: Vehicle flow management and safety requirements during construction.

14.2 **Local control measures**

**Sensitive Receptors**

14.2.1 In relation to traffic and transport, key sensitive receptors will need to be considered when the Contractor develops the overall programme within the LTMP and the site specific traffic management schemes.

14.2.2 These requirements will be addressed appropriately though the development of the LTMPs or site specific measures and discussed at the Local Traffic Liaison Group meeting, established in accordance with the Code of Construction Practice and the Route-wide Traffic Management Plan.

**Site access**

14.2.3 A number of vehicle access points to the construction sites will be required and so the construction vehicle movements will be spread over a number of roads within the area of the works. Highway access notifications and/or approvals will be undertaken in accordance with Schedule 4 of the Act.

14.2.4 Routes for construction traffic will be subject to approval of the relevant planning authority in accordance with the Schedule 17 of the Act when large goods vehicle movements exceed 24 single movements (12 two way movements) per day to and/or from a site.

14.2.5 Any permanent highway works outside the limits of deviation as outlined in the Act will be subject to normal Highways legislation and Highway Authority powers.
14.3 Works to the Highway and Access Measures

14.3.1 The ES noted that temporary and permanent road closures and diversions of the following roads will likely be required:

- temporary closure of Helmdon Road, with alternate route via B4525 Welsh Road for a period of approximately a year and a half;
- a temporary realignment of B4525 Welsh Road for a period of approximately two and a half years;
- a temporary realignment of Sulgrave Road for a period of approximately two and a half years;
- a temporary realignment of Banbury Road to the south for a period of approximately one year and three months;
- temporary closure of Banbury Lane with temporary alternative route via Banbury Road, for a period of approximately one to two months;
- temporary closure of Wardington Road with temporary alternative route via A361 Byfield Road, Culworth Road (before it is stopped up) and Welsh Road, for approximately two years;
- stopping up of Culworth Road (Note: Non-motorised user access will be retained via a shared bridleway over the Chipping Warden green tunnel south portal, see Public Footpath AE28);
- a temporary realignment of A361 Byfield Road to the north for a period of approximately three years;
- temporary alternative route for Appletree Lane (south of Aston le Walls), via the Appletree Road, Welsh Road and A361 Byfield Road for a period of approximately four years;
- temporary closure of Claydon Road (also known as Hill Road) with a temporary alternative route via Claydon Road (also known as Boddington Road), for a period of approximately one and a half years;
- permanent closure of Claydon Road (also known as Boddington Road), with traffic diverted 550m to the north via the realigned Banbury Road;
- permanent diversion of Banbury Road, over more than 1km from Spella House into the Ladbroke and Southam area (CFA16); and

14.3.2 Alternative routes for the following PRoW will be required, namely:
• a temporary alternative route for Footpath BD8, to the east for a period of approximately six months;
• a temporary closure for Bridleways BD7 and BD10 at A43 Oxford Road crossing, for a period of approximately one and a half years;
• a temporary alternative route for Bridleway AX16, to the west for a period of approximately six to nine months;
• a temporary alternative route for Bridleway AX14, to the south for a period of one year and three months to one year and six months.
• a temporary alternative route for Footpath AN22, to the south for a period of approximately six to nine months;
• an alternative temporary route for Footpath AN19, to the north via Footpath AN28 for a period of approximately six to nine months;
• a temporary alternative route for Footpath AN28 to the south via footpath AN19 for a period of approximately six to nine months;
• a temporary alternative route for footpath AN14, to the north for a period of approximately six to nine months;
• a temporary alternative route for public footpath AN13, 200m to the east for a period of approximately six to nine months;
• a temporary alternative route for Footpath AN4, to the north-west via B4525 Welsh Road for a period of approximately one year and six months;
• a temporary alternative route for Footpath AN40, via the B4525 Welsh Road, for a period of approximately two years;
• a temporary alternative route for Footpath AN42, via the B4525 Welsh Road, for a period of approximately two years and six months;
• a temporary alternative route for Footpath AN39, via the B4525 Welsh Road, for a period of approximately two years and six months;
• a temporary alternative route for Footpath AN6, to the east for a period of approximately two years and six months;
• a temporary alternative route for Footpath AY12, via Sulgrave Road for a period of approximately two years and six months;
• a temporary alternative route for Footpaths AE12, AE20 and AE21, for a period of approximately three years. A combined alternative route is provided for all
three footpaths along the existing AE21 alignment across the Scheme;

- a permanent diversion of Footpath BB3, 20m to the north via Banbury Road overbridge;
- a temporary alternative route for Banbury Lane footpath will be required, to the north, for a period of approximately one year and six months to two years;
- a temporary alternative route for Bridleway AG9, to the south for approximately six to nine months;
- a temporary alternative route for public Bridleway AG10, to the north for approximately six to nine months;
- a temporary alternative route for Public Footpath AE5, to the north for approximately one year and six months to two years;
- a temporary alternative route for Footpath AE16, via the A361 Byfield Road and Footpath AE17 for a period of approximately three years;
- a temporary alternative route for Footpath AE17, via the A361 Byfield Road for a period of approximately one year and six months;
- a temporary alternative route for Footpath AA8, to the south for a period of approximately four years;
- a temporary alternative route for Footpath AC2, to the west for a period of approximately one year; and
- a temporary alternative route for Footpath AC1, to the east for a period of approximately one year and six months.

14.3.3 The following temporary private access diversions will be required:

- to Greatworth Field during the construction of Bridleway AN14 accommodation overbridge;
- to Three Shires Farm, via the realigned Claydon Road (also known as Boddington Road);
- into Cedars Farm, accessed from Claydon Road (also known as Boddington Road) on the west side of the route;
- and unnamed road, to Oatleys Wood for a period of one year, with permanent reinstatement along its existing alignment; and
- to land at Calves Close Spinney during construction of Chipping Warden Green Tunnel.
14.3.4 All temporary closures and diversions will be subject to appropriate consultation, submissions and notifications to the relevant highway authority.

14.4 Monitoring procedures

14.4.1 Each Contractor will be responsible for monitoring to ensure compliance with the RTMP, LTMP, the requirements of the provisions of the Act, assurances and undertakings, site specific drawings and site specific traffic requirements and conditions.

15 Waste and materials

15.1.1 All waste will be managed in accordance with the waste hierarchy which aims to reduce waste at source and to reduce the quantity that requires final disposal to landfill. This applies to excavated material arising on-site, which will be reused within the Scheme as far as reasonably practicable, as well as material from demolition and construction activities. This approach is described in greater detail in HS2 Phase One Information Paper E3: Excavated Material and Waste Management and in Section 15 of the CoCP.

15.2 Local control measures

Testing and classification of materials

15.2.1 The ‘basic characterisation’\(^8\) of excavated material will be determined by the Contractor to ascertain the potential for reuse, recycling, recovery or disposal to inert, non-hazardous or hazardous landfill.

15.2.2 A Materials Management Plan will be developed in accordance with the Definition of Waste: Development Industry Code of Practice\(^9\) to set out the processes to be adopted in respect of the reuse of excavated materials either on the Scheme or transferred to another development site.

15.2.3 In the event that excavated material is to be sent for disposal, which shall be the option of last resort, testing and classification of will be undertaken by the Contractors in line with the Environment Agency’s guidance. This includes:

- Waste Sampling and Testing for Disposal\(^10\); and,

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\(^8\) Basic characterisation’ refers to the characterisation of excavated material to help define the type of re-use for which it is suitable (e.g. DMRB soil classes). Characterisation of waste would include the allocation of a EWC code (in accordance with The List of Wastes (England) Regulations 2005 SI No. 895) and a detailed evaluation of the waste properties. The latter is based on a combination of the detailed knowledge of the source process and chemical testing.

\(^9\) CL:AIRE Definition of Waste: Development Industry Code of Practice, version 2, March 2011


**Transport of waste and materials**

15.2.4 Opportunities for the off-site re-use of surplus excavated material will be identified and utilised where reasonably practicable. Surplus excavated material will only be sent to landfill as an option of last resort. Further information on the management of material and waste is provided in HS2 Information Paper E3: Excavated Material and Waste Management.

**16 Water resources and flood risk**

16.1.1 General control measures relating to water resources and flood risk are provided in Section 16 of the CoCP.

16.2 Sensitive receptors

16.2.1 The Contractor will have due regard to the following sensitive local water resource receptors:

- Local Aquifers: Alluvium (Secondary A aquifer); Head (Secondary undifferentiated aquifer); Glaciofluvial deposits (Secondary A aquifer); Great Oolite Group (composed of formations designated as Principal and Secondary A & B aquifers); Inferior Oolite Group (Secondary A aquifer); Lias Group (composed of formations designated as Secondary type A aquifers and unproductive strata).

- The Contractor will have due regard to the three licensed groundwater abstractions and four unlicensed groundwater abstractions present within the study area. There is also a potential private drinking water supply at Edgcote near Chipping Warden. There are no Source Protection Zones (SPZs) in this study area.

- Surface water features: River Great Ouse; Unnamed tributary of River Great Ouse; Radstone Brook; Unnamed tributary and headwater channel of the Radstone Brook, three source streams of the River Cherwell, the largest of which is referred to as Culworth Brook; Unnamed source stream of Culworth Brook; Tributary of River Cherwell from Danes Moor; River Cherwell; Tributary

of River Cherwell; Highbury Brook; Unnamed drain from Boddington Feeder Channel; Boddington Feeder Channel (Oxford Canal); Unnamed tributary of Boddington Feeder Channel (Oxford Canal); and numerous small ponds within 1km radius of the Scheme.

- Issues and Springs: issues south of Halse Copse, springs to south of Halse Copse Farm, spring at Bungalow Farm, spring at Greatworth Fields, issues south-west of Greatworth Hall, spring at the disused railway embankment between Greatworth Hall and Stuchbury Fox Culvert, issues at Floyd’s Farm, issues south of Greatworth, springs and issues at Oldbarn Spinney, issues at Painters Spinney, springs and issues at Keepers Cottage, issues south-west of Magpie Cottage and issues east of Costow House.

- Water dependent habitats: Trafford Bridge Marsh Local Wildlife Site (LWS); Culworth Marsh LWS; Washbrook Spinney LWS; Washbrook Lake LWS; Helmdon Disused Railway SSSI and Fox Covert (Whitfield) LWS. In addition, small areas of woodland to the west and south-east of Greatworth that may contain some areas of water dependent habitat. There is also an area of habitat with fen characteristics at Costow Field.

16.2.2 The Contractor’s Pollution Incident Control Plan will have due regard to the local flood risk sources (i.e. surface, artificial, groundwater and sewers) and key receptors and take into account any proposed risk management or mitigation measures.

16.2.3 The Contractor will have due regard to the following areas within Environment Agency Flood Zones 2 and 3 and, therefore, at risk of river flooding:

- Culworth Brook;
- River Cherwell and tributaries;
- Highbury Brook; and
- River Great Ouse.

16.2.4 The Contractor will have due regard to the following local flood water receptors and their respective flood histories:

- At Lower Thorpe hamlet and Lower Thorpe Farm there are residential properties within Flood Zone 3 (including Twin Oaks, Water End and Manor Cottages);
- Near where the route will cross the River Cherwell on the Edgcote viaduct there are two residential properties in Flood Zone 3 (Edgcote Mill and Home Farm); and,
• Land used by the equestrian centre at Washbrook Farm is located within Flood Zone 3 near the Highfurlong Brook viaduct.

**16.3 Potential sources of contamination**

16.3.1 Potential sources of contamination are detailed within Section 11 of this LEMP.

**16.4 Local control measures**

16.4.1 Measures identified in section 16 of the CoCP, including detailed method statements, will aim to reduce potential adverse effects on surface water or groundwater quality or flows associated with construction; this will include release to ground, groundwater, watercourses or surface water sewers in the surrounding receptors.

16.4.2 As outlined in the CoCP, best practice measures will be used (e.g. through the use of silt traps and appropriate attenuation, if required) prior to the discharge of water to watercourses, groundwater or surface water sewers, subject to obtaining the required permits or consents. This could apply to runoff from wheel washing facilities or from general construction activities. As noted in Section 5.12 of this document, a pollution incident control management system will be produced which will incorporate procedures for alerting relevant water supply companies and reducing impacts to public supply SPZ’s and local private abstractions in this area.

16.4.3 Where there is the possibility that work may affect aquifers, a groundwater monitoring plan will be implemented, as outlined in section 16 of the CoCP.

16.4.4 A programme of groundwater and surface water monitoring will be undertaken prior to, during and following completion of the construction works. This will include at risk WFD elements as identified in the ES route wide WFD assessment. The monitoring programme scope and duration will be developed and agreed with the Environment Agency in consultation with other stakeholders as necessary (Lead Local Flood Authority LLFAs and Internal Drainage Board (IDBs)). A management strategy will also be agreed with the Environment Agency in consultation with other stakeholders that will cover any physical mitigation required for the protection of public water supply.

16.4.5 If dewatering from excavations is required, it will be carried out in consultation with the Environment Agency and will take into consideration risks posed to water quality or quantity and not adversely affect those who have a protected right to abstract water.

16.4.6 If required, appropriate guidance will be adhered to, including the Piling and Preventative Ground Improvement Methods on Land Affected by Contamination:
Guidance on Pollution Prevention\textsuperscript{2}. Groundwater and surface water monitoring plans will be prepared, where piling could affect below ground contamination.

16.4.7 Temporary excavated material stockpiles, construction compounds and site offices will be located outside of areas at risk of flooding where reasonably practicable, to avoid having an impact on the risk of flooding. Where construction compounds cannot be located outside flood risk areas, there will be a site specific flood risk management plan prepared prior to construction to manage the potential risks. These plans will take account of the flood risk assessments produced for CFA\textsubscript{14} and CFA\textsubscript{15} the ES and include any proposed risk management or mitigation measures, if required.

16.4.8 Drainage from the works will be attenuated and discharged to watercourses or sewers, under agreement, at a controlled rate and, where required, with approval of the Environment Agency and, where appropriate, the drainage authority in accordance with Schedule 33 Part 5 of the Act.

16.4.9 In certain instances, the excavated retained cut is at a level below the natural ground water table. Mitigation, where necessary with continuous piles or grouting, will ensure that any changes to local groundwater levels and flow are minimised through the use of cut-offs and applying relatively short time-scales for dewatering.

16.4.10 Additional information, such as how the Scheme complies with the Water Framework Directive, as well as further provisions for engagement with stakeholders, monitoring and protection of local water resources are outlined in HS2 Information Paper E1: Control of Environmental Impacts and HS2 Information Paper E4: Water resources and flood risk.

\textsuperscript{2} Environment Agency (2001), Piling and Preventative Ground Improvement Methods on Land Affected by Contamination: Guidance on Pollution
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Appendix 2: Non-exhaustive list of Local Interest and Community Groups in South Northamptonshire Council

- Aston Le Walls Parish Council
- Boddington Parish Council
- Chipping Warden and Edgcote Parish Council
- Culworth Parish Council
- Thorpe Mandeville Parish Council
- Greatworth Parish Council
- Marston St. Lawrence Parish Council
- Radstone Parish Council
- Whitfield Parish Council
- Brackley Town Council
- Turweston Parish Council
- Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire
- Whitfield Race Course
- Washbrook Farm Equestrian Centre
- Culworth Grounds Farm (Equestrian Centre)
- Edgcote Estate
- Appleton Business Park
- Greatworth Park
- R.I.F.T Airsoft
- Greatworth Hall Estate
- Canal & River Trust
- Bat Conservation Trust
- Battlefields Trust
- Northamptonshire Archaeological Society
- Ramblers Association, Northamptonshire Area
- St Lawrence’s Church
- Banbury Ornithological Society
- Culworth CofE Primary
- Chipping Warden Primary School
- Boddington CofE Primary School
- St Mary’s Catholic Primary School, Aston le Walls
- Natural England
- Environmental Agency; and
- Highways England

(NB: This list is not exhaustive and may be subject to change as more information becomes available).
Appendix 3: Radstone and Helmdon Disused Railway Key Environmentally Sensitive Worksite Management Plan
Radstone and Helmdon Disused Railway Key Environmentally Sensitive Worksite Management Plan

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1 Introduction

1.1 Background

1.1.1 The HS2 Environmental Memorandum (https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/593596/Environmental_Memorandum.pdf) identifies key worksites along the Phase One route that are environmentally sensitive. These sites are considered particularly environmentally sensitive in relation to the following environmental topics: nature conservation, terrestrial and aquatic ecology, water resources, geomorphology, recreation and amenity, landscape, public open space, and agricultural land. The criteria for their selection is set out in the HS2 Environmental Memorandum.

1.1.2 The key environmentally sensitive worksites across Phase One of HS2, from south to north, are:

- Colne Valley;
- Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB);
- Bernwood Forest;
- Radstone and Helmdon disused railway; and,
- Berkswell Marsh.

1.1.3 The management plans for these key environmentally sensitive worksites are being prepared and published prior to the commencement of works which may affect them. The preparation and publication of these plans is, therefore, determined by the Phase One construction programme. These plans will be developed as HS2 Contractors develop their designs and programme.

1.1.4 This management plan is for the Radstone and Helmdon disused railway.

1.2 Radstone and Helmdon Disused Railway in the Context of HS2

1.2.1 The Radstone and Helmdon disused railway is located near Brackley in Northamptonshire and falls within South Northamptonshire Council area. It is identified in the HS2 Environmental Memorandum as being a key environmentally sensitive worksite in relation to the category ‘nature conservation, terrestrial and aquatic ecology’. However, there is no aquatic ecology associated with this site and therefore only terrestrial ecology is discussed in this document.

1.2.2 The section of Radstone and Helmdon disused railway which intersects with HS2 in a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). The Helmdon Disused Railway SSSI is an extensive length of disused railway cutting and embankment, supporting plant communities typical of
Jurassic limestone grassland, a habitat type now scarce throughout Britain and particularly so in Northamptonshire.

1.2.3 The SSSI is 16.6ha in area and approximately 4km long and is designated for lowland calcareous grassland, a habitat of principal importance under Section 41 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities (NERC) Act (2006) and a local Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) habitat.

1.2.4 The citation for the SSSI (updated in 1991) details the ‘features of interest’ for which the SSSI is considered special and has been legally notified.

1.2.5 The SSSI’s botanical interest is due to the presence of three distinct grassland communities, reflecting the underlying soil conditions as well as past and present management practices. The site supports a rich butterfly fauna including the nationally scarce wood white (*Leptidea sinapis*) and five nationally declining species. Of particular note is the presence of small blue (*Cupido minimus*) a species of principal importance at its only Northamptonshire locality.

1.2.6 The SSSI is divided into four units; with units 1 is 3.3 ha, unit 2 is 4.0 ha, unit 3 is 3.1 ha and unit 4, which is the most southerly unit, is 6.2 ha in area. Unit 1 contains the best area of remaining good quality calcareous grassland habitat. The condition status of the SSSI is classified as 'unfavourable recovering' as of January 2013. The site entered the High Level Stewardship (HLS) in 2012 and management to achieve favourable condition is ongoing.

The location of the Helmdon Disused Railway SSSI in relation to the Phase One route is shown on drawing reference PH1-FUS-GI-MAP-000001. The proposed scheme is shown on Map CT-06-066-L1³

1.3 Purpose of the Management Plan

1.3.1 The purpose of this management plan is to:

- Identify future works potentially affecting the Radstone and Helmdon disused railway from Contractors and third parties in relation to HS2;
- Focus on mitigation, compensation and monitoring requirements and opportunities for enhancement in relation to nature conservation and terrestrial ecology;
- Identify synergies between different stakeholder organisations in terms of opportunities.

1.3.2 This management plan has been prepared to satisfy the commitments set out within the HS2 Environmental Memorandum and to support the Local Environmental Management
Plan (LEMP) for South Northamptonshire Council. The management plan is part of a suite of documents which identify environmental issues, controls and opportunities in relation to the Radstone and Helmdon disused railway including:

- The Environmental Minimum Requirements which contains the CoCP and the HS2 Environmental Memorandum;
- Schedule 17 controls under the HS2 Act 2017 (the Act). KESWMP’s will support Schedule 17 submissions and Town and Country Planning Applications within Radstone and Helmdon disused railway and where appropriate, heritage applications under Schedule 18, 19 and 20;
- HS2 design policy (see Information Paper D1: Design Policy);
- Protective provisions. The Act also contains provisions which give protection to bodies affected by the scheme. These include: highway authorities, utility undertakers, the Environment Agency, the Canal and Rivers Trust, and harbour and airport authorities. Typically these provisions enable HS2 Contractors to undertake works affecting their infrastructure but require approval of the details to be obtained. Paragraph 12 of Schedule 31, Part 1 of the Act requires the nominated undertaker not to deposit soil or material, or store any plant, or erect scaffolding or other structures, in or over a highway without the consent of the highway authority;
- Legally binding consenting and licensing process. Hs2 Limited will be submitting licenses and consents in accordance with the Schedules of the Act; and,
- The Environmental Management Systems implemented by HS2 Contractors (as defined in the CoCP) including contract level and site level environmental management plans.

1.4 Process of developing the management plan

1.4.1 On 16 November 2016, contracts were awarded to three Enabling Works Contractors (EWC) working across Phase One of HS2. The EWC contracts run until November 2020 with an option for HS2 to extend these for a further two years. Fusion are the EWC for Area Central. Area Central covers an area of the Phase One route from east of Harvil Road in the London Borough of Hillingdon to Southam in Warwickshire and is split into three sectors (C1, C2 and C3). Radstone and Helmdon Disused Railway is located near Brackley within Sector C3.

1.4.2 Fusion have produced this management plan on behalf of HS2 Ltd. Fusion is a joint venture between Morgan Sindall Infrastructure Services, BAM Nuttall Ltd and Ferrovial Agroman.

1.4.3 The EWC are carrying out a range of survey and investigation works which commenced in early 2017. The EWC will also be carrying out some construction work across Area Central
including the provision of early ecological mitigation sites. Fusion have produced the first draft of this management plan.

1.4.4 On 17 July 2017 contracts were awarded for HS2’s Main Works Civils Contractors (MWCC). The MWCC covering the Radstone and Helmdon disused railway area in Sector C3 are EK. EK are a joint venture between Eiffage and Kier.

1.4.5 The earliest date that EK are anticipated to start construction works which would affect the Radstone and Helmdon disused railway is 2020. It is expected that the majority of opportunities within the SSSI will be identified by the MWCC through the design process.

1.4.6 HS2 Contractors are working collaboratively, along with relevant third parties such as utilities companies, in relation to works within the Radstone and Helmdon disused railway.

1.4.7 This management plan is intended to be reviewed prior to any construction works taking place within Radstone and Helmdon Disused Railway, whenever there is a significant change to works proposed or on a six monthly basis, whichever is soonest. Updates of publication will be in line with publication of the LEMP.

1.5 Consultation

1.5.1 National Environment Forum (NEF) members and relevant planning authorities will be consulted on the KESWMP following requirements within the HS2 Environmental Memorandum. In addition relevant landowners will be consulted where appropriate.

1.5.2 Copies of the updated plan will be made available for consultees electronically. Comments from NEF members and planning authorities will be collated for consideration of updates and amendments.

1.5.3 Following the Environmental Memorandum commitments, the management plan will be submitted with relevant Schedule 17 submissions to local planning authorities and, where appropriate, heritage applications. A link to the HS2 website area containing the LEMP and KESWMP will be provided for Schedule 17 submissions.

1.5.4 HS2 Contractors will work closely with key stakeholders, communicating and consulting as appropriate on works within the area.

1.5.5 The Forestry Commission has been consulted on this document

2 Overview of upcoming works within Radstone and Helmdon Disused Railway

2.1 Enabling works

2.1.1 No construction works are planned by Fusion in this area.
2.1.2 Fusion have been carrying out a range of survey and investigation works within the vicinity of Radstone and Helmdon disused railway which commenced in early 2017 and will continue throughout 2018. This has included an update of botanical surveys (National Vegetation Classification survey to sub-community level) carried out within the SSSI in 2017 to inform design of mitigation by EK.

2.1.3 On-going investigations carried out by Fusion in the area may include other ecological surveys, including identification of invasive species, such as Japanese knotweed, to support plans for future treatment and control.

2.1.4 There is a planned diversion of 33kv power cables by Western Power Diversion (WPD) near Radstone and Brackley provisionally scheduled for Qu2 2019. This is likely to include directional drilling underneath the SSSI but is not anticipated to have any direct impact on the SSSI.

2.2 Main works

2.2.1 EK are currently progressing with Scheme Design and will move onto detail design in 2019. To inform the design EK are currently planning additional ground investigations in the area. However, no ground investigation is planned within the SSSI.

2.2.2 The first construction works by EK on the Radstone and Helmdon disused railway will be in 2020 and will include construction of the Brackley South Cutting, Brackley Embankment and Footpath AX15 Green Overbridge.

2.3 Impacts, Mitigation and Enhancement Opportunities

2.3.1 The impacts from on the SSSI will be as a result of construction of the main scheme by the MWCC. Unit 4 of the Helmdon Disused Railway SSSI will be crossed by the HS2 Phase One route at chainage Ch97+400, SP59078, 39822.

2.3.2 The Phase One Environmental Statement reported that construction of the Brackley South Cutting will remove approximately 0.8ha (4.8 %) of the SSSI, of which 0.1 ha is lowland calcareous grassland. This will sever the site isolating the southernmost 16% of the SSSI from the remainder. The fragmentation of the SSSI (90m at its narrowest point) is likely to restrict the movement of species such as the wood white butterfly. The impacts of the project would result in a permanent adverse effect on the structure and function of the SSSI that is significant at the national level.

2.3.3 The AP2 revised scheme includes the provision of an approximately 24m-wide green bridge at Radstone (Footpath AX15 Green Overbridge) that will follow the route of the Helmdon Disused Railway SSSI to enable bats using this flight path to fly safely over the AP2 revised scheme. This green bridge will also provide a corridor for butterflies to cross over the railway. The bridge will require the construction of footings for the green bridge within the SSSI. This will result in an additional loss of up to 1.4ha from the SSSI of which almost 0.6ha is lowland calcareous grassland, for which the site is designated. These impacts will result in
a different significant effect on the SSSI. However, this will not change the level of significance of the effects reported in the main ES.

2.3.4 Overall construction of HS2 Phase One is predicted to result in the removal of approximately 2.2 ha of habitat from the SSSI (over 13%).

2.3.5 The following was agreed between Natural England and HS2, in early 2017, regarding compensation for impacts on the SSSI:

- An NVC survey to sub-community level of the SSSI habitat to be lost will be carried out by HS2 Ltd.
- HS2 Ltd will consult Natural England at the detailed design phase, on the ESMP and on this management plan.
- Compensation areas of calcareous grassland, totalling an approximate area of 5.2 ha, will be created on railway embankments and HS2 Ltd will seek to provide calcareous grassland on the cut slopes facing the railway and through habitat creation up to Footpath AX15 Green Overbridge and the preferred methodologies for habitat creation will be discussed with Natural England.
- A principal of betterment will be applied to habitat creation sites.
- HS2 Ltd will ensure the habitat creation areas include key food plans for small blue and scarce wood white butterflies.
- HS2 Ltd commit to ensuring long-term monitoring and management to ensure the habitat creation areas are successfully established and maintained.

2.3.6 Opportunities to reduce the impact on the SSSI will be sought during the design phase including reducing the land required for construction of the HS2 Phase One Project within the SSSI wherever possible, which would reduce the loss of habitat from the site.

2.3.7 An NVC survey was carried out in 2017 by Fusion on behalf of HS2 Ltd. This will be used to inform the design and monitoring plan. The current design includes the creation of 5.2 ha of calcicolous grassland on landscape earthworks situated on both sides of Brackley South Cutting to the north of the SSSI. Opportunities exist to increase the area of calcareous grassland provision on the embankment slopes through the design process.

2.3.8 Enlargement of the Brackley Culvert is being considered to make it suitable for use as a bat route together with additional hedgerow planting to encourage the movement of bats towards Footpath AX15 Green Overbridge. It is proposed that limestone from the Brackley cutting will be used to create a mosaic of calcareous grassland and scrub across the green bridge to replicate the habitat of the SSSI. Species composition will reflect that of calcareous scrub communities within the SSSI. The design of bridge will also follow the
The design is considering the creation of new calcareous grassland cut slopes of the railway through the SSSI (the Brackley Cutting).

The new habitat will be created in accordance with the Ecological Principles of Mitigation provided in Volume 5 Appendix CT-001-000/2. Following maturation of the habitats both in the calcareous grassland compensation area and on the green bridge, the impacts from habitat loss and fragmentation will be reduced to a level at which they will not result in a significant effect on the structure and function of the SSSI.

Sufficient long term monitoring will be undertaken to ensure the habitat creation areas are successfully established and maintained. The HS2 Information Paper on monitoring E26: Indicative Periods for The Management and Monitoring of Habitats indicates the need for monitoring at Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 11 and 14. The ESMP produced at detailed design stage will outline monitoring requirements in more detail.

**Summary**

This document addresses the impacts associated with the Radstone and Helmdon disused railway. The nature conservation and terrestrial ecology have been assessed and the process for mitigation, compensation and opportunities for enhancement within Radstone and Helmdon Disused Railway area are outlined.

The KESWMP will be reviewed and revised as appropriate and on a six monthly basis by HS2 and its Contractors.