



Teddington Direct River Abstraction  
EIA Scoping Report  
Appendix B Relevant Legislation  
and Planning Policies

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## B. National Planning Policy and Legislation Context

### B.1 Introduction

B.1.1 The Teddington Direct River Abstraction project (the ‘Project’) was confirmed by the Secretary of State (SoS) in December 2023, by virtue of a Direction made under Section 35 of the Planning Act 2008, as a Project of National Significance requiring Development Consent.

### B.2 Legislative Context

B.2.1 This section references legislation that is particularly relevant to the scope of the EIA, in that it establishes requirements to assess certain impacts or provides for regulatory processes that control environmental impacts.

B.2.2 This section is not intended to be exhaustive: there is a wide range of legislation that is of relevance to the consenting, construction and operation of infrastructure projects, and further legislation applicable to environmental impact pathways and approach to assessing these is referred to where needed in the aspect sections of this EIA Scoping Report.

B.2.3 The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (as amended) (‘the EIA Regulations’) are discussed in Chapter 5 EIA Methodology of this EIA Scoping Report.

#### Relevant legislation

B.2.4 Other relevant legislation which imposes duties on the applicant to undertake certain assessments or provide information to the decision-maker to aid in assessments to discharge duties under the legislation. Legislation that is relevant to EIA scoping includes that which establishes other consent, permitting and licensing processes. some of which can typically be provided in the Development Consent Order (DCO) itself and some which may require a separate application. These provide for control, management, monitoring and where necessary regulatory enforcement of environmental impacts. As such, environmental assessments may, where appropriate, assume the operation of such regulatory processes, rather than propose an assessment of an unrealistically worst-case where compliance does not occur; but may also need to give evidence, through the EIA and supporting mitigation and management plans, of how such compliance can be delivered.

B.2.5 The Project and its environmental assessment sits within a wider regulatory and control regime. Certain legislative controls are introduced here and where relevant the technical chapters of this EIA Scoping Report set out how the assessment directly interacts with the legislation more specifically.

- B.2.6 Legislation of relevance includes (all as amended):
- Environment Act 2021
  - Levelling Up and Regeneration Act 2023
  - Water Industry Act 1991 and Water Industry Act 1999
  - Water Resources Act 1991
  - Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017<sup>1</sup>
  - Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016<sup>2</sup>
  - Water Framework Directive (WFD) (England and Wales) Regulations 2017<sup>3</sup>
- B.2.7 For the purpose of EIA scoping, the relevant points are that (a) control over environmentally sustainable abstraction and discharge in the River Thames will also be provided by the regulatory bodies outside (in addition to) the DCO and EIA process; and (b) the relevant water environment assessment and modelling in the EIA will be scoped in, so far as possible, such as to also provide evidence as may be required for the licensing process.
- B.2.8 The WFD and Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) processes are closely linked to carrying out EIA. National Policy Statement (NPS) section 3.3 notes that an applicant will need to provide information in an HRA (as required under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended)) sufficient to enable the SoS to discharge their functions as the competent authority, which may include a shadow appropriate assessment depending on HRA screening.
- B.2.9 Planning Inspectorate (PINS) Advice on the Water Framework Directive (WFD) (2024) and Advice on Habitats Regulations Assessments (HRA) (HRA) (2024) set out the way in which EIA, HRA and WFD assessments each inform the decision-maker (the SoS), providing evidence to assist the SoS in discharging their duties under the applicable regulations. They each inter-relate but have differences in the required approach.

### Other Legal Framework

- B.2.10 Besides the overarching legislation listed above, the proposed abstraction and discharge of water is also considered in the context of several licenses and agreements. These include the Thames Conservancy Act 1933 concerning river levels, the existing Lower Thames Operating Agreement that covers all abstractions in the Lower Thames area including those of Thames Water, Affinity Water, South East Water, the Maidenhead, Eton and Windsor Flood Alleviation Scheme (MEWFAS) and the River Thames Scheme, Thames Tideway water quality management, and other existing third party abstraction licences. The Project will require an abstraction and discharge licence, and provision of this may also include consideration of amendments or consolidations to existing licenses and operating agreements.

## B.3 Planning Policy Context

- B.3.1 This section provides a short introduction to the national and local planning policy, which is informative to the EIA Scoping Report particularly in setting out which aspects of planning policy may require assessment and may be material factors in decision-making, and therefore should be considered in the EIA where applicable.
- B.3.2 The Planning Act 2008 (Section 104) requires that, where a relevant NPS has effect, DCO applications for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs) be determined having regard to any relevant NPS, which in this case is the NPS for Water Resources Infrastructure dated April 2023.<sup>4</sup> The SoS must also have regard to, amongst other things, any local impact report prepared by local authorities whose areas are affected, and any other matters which the SoS thinks are both important and relevant to the decision.
- B.3.3 A DCO application must be decided in accordance with any relevant NPS, except to the extent that one or more specified exceptions apply.
- B.3.4 Therefore, whilst the relevant NPS is the primary policy, in accordance with which the DCO application will be determined, other national and local planning policy, where relevant, will be a material consideration.

## B.4 National Policy Statement for Water Resources Infrastructure (the NPS) – April 2023

- B.4.1 As noted, under the Planning Act 2008 (Section 104) DCO applications for NSIPs must be determined having regard to and in accordance with any relevant NPS, which in this case is the NPS for Water Resources Infrastructure dated April 2023.
- B.4.2 The NPS (1.1.4) states that where development is treated as requiring development consent through Section 35 of The Planning Act the NPS will apply. It states (1.1.5) that the SoS must determine DCO applications in accordance with the NPS unless to do so would lead to one of a series of criteria being met, including the development being unlawful or resulting in adverse impacts that do not outweigh its benefits.
- B.4.3 The NPS refers (1.1.7) to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)<sup>5</sup>, which is central to planning within the separate Town and Country Planning Act 1990 system. NPPF paragraph 5 states that NSIPs are determined in accordance with NPSs as well as any other matters that are relevant (which may include the NPPF).
- B.4.4 The NPS also refers to development plan documents, stating (1.1.9) that the Examining Authority (ExA) and SoS may consider these important and relevant but clarifying that if they are in conflict with the NPS, the NPS will prevail for decision making.

- B.4.5 Other statements of government policy referred to in the NPS are taken to be those that exist at the time a DCO application is made (1.1.11).
- B.4.6 Water Resource Management Plans (WRMPs) set out how water companies will develop water resources to meet their water supply obligations (NPS 1.4.2). It is through the process of preparing, consulting on, and publishing WRMPs that decisions are made on what additional water resource infrastructure is needed (NPS 1.4.3). Thames Water’s WRMP for the period 2025 – 2030 was approved on the 4 September 2024 by the SoS for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.
- B.4.7 If an NSIP is included in a published WRMP, the need for it will have been established in line with government policy (NPS 1.4.5). Significant work has been undertaken through the WRMP process to establish the need for Strategic Resource Options (SROs). This Project is an SRO identified in the WRMP 2024 to bring direct deployable output benefits to Thames Water and deliver a resilient supply of water to the London Water Resource Zone. The development of the SROs is being overseen by the Regulators’ Alliance for Progressing Infrastructure Development (RAPID), a consortium of water industry regulators, through the gated regulatory process.

#### Assessment principles

- B.4.8 Chapter 3 of the NPS sets out cross cutting principles that apply to the determination of DCO applications for all types of water resource projects. NPS paragraph 3.1.2 sets out a presumption in favour of granting development consent for projects that fall within the need for infrastructure established in the NPS.
- B.4.9 Paragraph 3.1.3 states the positive and negative effects to be balanced in ExA and SoS assessment.
- B.4.10 Assessments undertaken in producing WRMPs (NPS Table 2) include water supply/demand forecast calculations, infrastructure options appraisal, Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA), HRA, WFD Assessment, and carbon accounting. NPS paragraph 3.1.6 establishes that options appraisals forming part of WRMP preparation are not expected to be reconsidered in ExA and SoS decision making on the basis that water resource projects will be present in final water resources management plans, which have undergone ‘full options appraisal’ and which the SoS will have given permission to publish<sup>6</sup>. Information from the SEA is relevant to inform the EIA specific to the Project proposal; and similarly specific ‘shadow; HRA Appropriate Assessment, WFD assessment and carbon accounting will be undertaken for the Project as part of the DCO application, building on information in these areas established during the WRMP process.
- B.4.11 NPS section 3.2 refers to EIA. The Project will be subject to EIA and this document supports the Applicant’s Scoping Request to PINS forming part of the EIA process.

- B.4.12 NPS section 3.3 refers to HRA. The Project will be accompanied by an HRA screening document which may include a shadow appropriate assessment depending on HRA screening.
- B.4.13 NPS section 3.4 concerns Environmental Net Gain, of which Biodiversity Net Gain, expected to be a statutory requirement for NSIPs by the time of the Project DCO application submission, will be a part. Environmental Net Gain might incorporate wider matters such as reducing greenhouse gas emissions, reduced flood risk, air and water quality improvements, and access to natural greenspace. The NPS signposts to relevant guidance on natural capital.
- B.4.14 NPS section 3.5 concerns assessment of alternatives. The main driver for this in the case of this Project is the EIA Regulations that, as referred to elsewhere in this EIA Scoping Report, require a description of the reasonable alternatives studied by the applicant. There are various other policy and legislative drivers for consideration of alternatives, listed in NPS section 3.5; among these, the flood risk assessment for the Project is expected to involve a requirement for a sequential test in respect of parts of the site. The NPS also notes that the WRMP options appraisal process outlines how such alternative options have been assessed.
- B.4.15 NPS section 3.6 requires that NSIP applicants demonstrate how good design is assured through the design process and a related design code, with reference to the National Infrastructure Commission and NPPF approaches.
- B.4.16 NPS section 3.7 concerns climate change adaptation. It remains important that climate change effects are considered and built into design to take account of more intense rainfall events and longer periods of hot and dry weather predicted in climate change scenarios foreseen over the lifetime of the Project. The reasonable maximum case scenarios for climate change require consideration.
- B.4.17 NPS section 3.8 considers environmental regulation. Of relevance to the Project, in addition to Development Consent and the other consents available through the DCO, water abstraction and discharge will be controlled and managed under licencing or permit from the Environment Agency. It is also expected that the Environmental Permitting regime will be engaged by the Project, providing for control over environmental effects from matters such as water management activities in construction and during operation (e.g. Water Treatment Works discharges) and for works affecting a main river or in its floodplain.
- B.4.18 Section 3.9 of the NPS covers nuisance. Matters such as noise, dust and light emissions will be covered in the Environmental Statement. This will also be addressed in a Statutory Nuisances Statement submitted with the DCO application.



- B.4.19 Sections 3.10 and 3.11 of the NPS cover safety and security respectively. Security of the Project's operational areas and associated infrastructure and situating these separately from areas of public access for recreation, will be incorporated in the design. The site is not proximate to current MoD or national security infrastructure.
- B.4.20 NPS section 3.12 concerns the health effects of the Project in the broadest sense including wellbeing and quality of life. Negative and positive effects must be considered.

### General effects

- B.4.21 Section 4 of the NPS considers generic matters on a topic by topic basis as follows:
- Air quality
  - Biodiversity and nature conservation
  - Climate change mitigation – greenhouse gas emissions
  - [Coastal change]
  - Dust, odour, artificial light, [smoke and steam]
  - Flood risk
  - Historic environment
  - Landscape and visual effects
  - Land use including open space, green infrastructure and Green Belt
  - Noise and vibration
  - Resource and waste management
  - Socioeconomic impacts
  - Health
  - Traffic and transport
  - Water quality and resources
- B.4.22 All, save for those square bracketed, above are considered relevant to the Project and will be covered within the EIA work, as is set out elsewhere in this EIA Scoping Report in Chapters 6 to 18.

## B.5 National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) December 2023

- B.5.1 The NPPF (paragraph 1) sets out the government's planning policies for England and how they should be applied. NPPF paragraph 2 states the NPPF is to be a material consideration in planning decisions. In paragraph 5 the NPPF explains that it does not contain specific policies for NSIPs (like this Project) and that these should be determined in accordance with the Planning Act 2008, the relevant NPS (i.e. the NPS for Water Resources Infrastructure) and other matters that are relevant, which might include the NPPF.

- B.5.2 The recent consultation on the NPPF (2024) will be completed by 24 September 2024 prior to the submission of this EIA Scoping Report. However, Thames Water will continue to monitor and where necessary give due consideration to any proposed or final amendments to the NPPF during the development of the Project.
- B.5.3 The approach that the NPS takes to the NPPF is to refer to it and, quite often, to defer to it where the NPPF sets out generic planning policy on key matters. These are as follows:
- Design principles for NSIPs (NPS paragraph 3.6.2, NPPF paragraph 135 and 137)
  - Flood risk policies (NPS paragraph 4.7.2, NPPF paragraph 173)
  - Climate change adaptation (NPS paragraph 4.7.18, NPPF paragraphs 159, 162 and 164)
  - Green belt protection (NPS paragraph 4.10.2, NPPF paragraphs 152 – 155)
  - Biodiversity and nature conservation (NPS 4.3.8, NPPF paragraph 186)
  - Noise (NPS paragraph 4.11.11, NPPF paragraphs 180, 191 and 217)
- B.5.4 The following other national policy documents, plans and guidance will also be considered in the assessments (note, this list does not include all relevant national policy, plans and guidance to be considered):
- Government's Environmental Improvement Plan (2023) (or the preceding 25 Year Environment Plan)
  - Environment Agency's National Framework for water resources (2020)
  - National Infrastructure Strategy
  - Thames Water Water Resources Management Plan 2024
  - National Infrastructure Commission, Preparing for a drier future: England's water infrastructure needs (2018) (not technically policy)
  - Water UK (2016) Water Resources Long Term Planning Framework (2015-2065)
  - Relevant sections of The Planning Practice guidance

## B.6 Greater London Authority London Plan 2021

- B.6.1 The new London Plan was adopted in 2021<sup>7</sup> and, as the overall strategic plan for London, it sets out an integrated economic, environmental, transport and social framework for the development of London over the next 20-25 years.
- B.6.2 Table B.1 includes the policies within the London Plan which are relevant to this Project.

*Table B.1 Relevant Policies – London Plan*

Policy reference	Title
Good Growth (GG) 1	Building strong and inclusive communities
GG2	Making the Best Use of Land
GG3	Creating a Healthy City
GG6	Increasing Efficiency and Resilience
Design (D) 2	Infrastructure Requirements for Sustainable Densities
D 3	Optimising site capacity through the design-led approach
D 4	Delivering good design
D 5:	Inclusive design
D 11	Safety, security and resilience to emergency
D 12	Fire safety
D 13	Agent of Change
D 14	Noise
Social Infrastructure (S) 4	Play and Informal Recreation
S 5	Sports and Recreation Facilities
Economy (E) 11	Skills and Opportunities for all
Heritage and Culture (HC) 1	Heritage Conservation and Growth
HC 3	Strategic and local views
HC 4	London View Management Framework
Green Infrastructure (G) 1	Green Infrastructure
G3	Metropolitan Open Land (MOL)
G4 Open Space	Open Space
G5 Urban Greening	Urban Greening
G6	Biodiversity and Access to Nature
G7	Trees and Woodlands
G9	Geodiversity
Sustainable Infrastructure (SI) 1	Improving Air Quality

Policy reference	Title
SI 2	Minimising Greenhouse Gas Emissions
SI 5	Water Infrastructure
SI 7	Reducing Waste and Supporting the Circular Economy
SI 12	Flood risk management
SI 13	Sustainable drainage
SI 14	Waterways – strategic role
SI 15	Water transport
SI 16	Waterways – use and enjoyment
SI 17	Protecting and enhancing London’s waterways
Transport (T) 1	Strategic approach to transport
T 4	Assessing and mitigating transport impacts
T 7	Deliveries, servicing and construction
T 5	Cycling

## B.7 Other Regional Policy

B.7.1 In addition to the London Plan, consideration of the Joint Waste Development Plan<sup>8</sup> for the West London Waste Authority Boroughs (including the London Borough of Hounslow (LBH) and Richmond Upon Thames) and the South London Waste Plan (including the Royal Borough of Kingston Upon Thames) will also need to be given.

## B.8 London Borough of Hounslow Local Plan 2015-2030

B.8.1 The Hounslow Local Plan<sup>9</sup> was adopted on 15 September 2015 by the LBH and consists of two volumes. The first sets out a suite of planning policies that will guide LBH’s strategy for the future development of the borough until 2030. The second sets out the sites within the borough that have been allocated to meet that strategy.

B.8.2 Table B.2 includes the policies within the LBH Local Plan which are relevant to this Project.

*Table B.2 Relevant Policies - LBH Local Plan 2015-2030*

Policy reference	Title
Context and Character (CC) 1	Context and character
CC 2	Urban Design and Architecture
CC 4	Heritage
Green Belt (GB) 1	Green Belt and Metropolitan Open Land
GB 2	Local Open Space
GB 4	The green Infrastructure Network
GB 7	Biodiversity
GB 9	Play Space, outdoor sports facilities and burials
Environmental Quality (EQ) 1	Energy and Carbon Reduction
EQ 2	Sustainable Design and Construction
EQ 3	Flood risk and Surface Water Management
EQ 4	Air Quality
EQ 5	Noise
EQ 6	Lighting
EQ 7	Sustainable waste management
EQ8	Contamination
Economic Development (ED) 4	Enhancing Local Skills
Enhancing Connectivity (EC) 2	Developing a Sustainable Local Transport Network
Implementing the Strategy (IMP) 1	Sustainable Development
Community Infrastructure (CI) 3	Health facilities and healthy places

## B.9 London Borough of Hounslow upon Thames Local Plan (Regulation 19)

B.9.1 The LBH is currently preparing a new Local Plan for the Hounslow borough, the Regulation 19 Submission Version of the Hounslow Local Plan 2020 – 2041. The Regulation 19 version is subject to public consultation between 19 September 2024 and 28 October 2024, and will, once adopted, replace the current LBH Local Plan 2015 – 2030.

B.9.2 Table B.3 includes the policies within the LBH submission Local Plan (Regulation 19) which are relevant to this Project.

*Table B.3 Relevant Policies - LBH Draft Local Plan 2020 - 2041*

Policy reference	Title
Economic Development (ED) 1	Promoting Employment Growth and Development
Context and Character (CC) 1	Context and Character
CC 2	Urban Design and Architecture
CC 4	Heritage
Green Belt (GB) 1	Green Belt and Metropolitan Open Land
GB 2	Open Space
GB 4	The Green Infrastructure Network
GB 5	Blue Ribbon Network
GB 7	Biodiversity
GB 8	Allotments, Agriculture and Local Food Growing
GB 9	Playspace, Outdoor Sports Facilities and Burial Space
Community Infrastructure (CI) 1	Providing and Protecting Community Facilities
CI 4	Culture and Leisure Facilities
Environmental Quality (EQ) 1	Energy and Carbon Reduction
EQ 2	Sustainable Design and Construction
EQ 3	Flood Risk and Surface Water Management
EQ 4	Air Quality
EQ 5	Noise
EQ 6	Lighting
EQ 7	Sustainable Waste Management
EQ 8	Contamination
EC 1	Strategic Transport Connections
EC 2	Delivering a Sustainable Transport Network
IMP 1	Sustainable Development

## B.10 London Borough of Richmond upon Thames Local Plan (2015-2018)

- B.10.1 The Local Plan for the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames (LBR)<sup>10</sup> was adopted in July 2018 and replaces previous policies within the Core Strategy and Development Management Plan. The Plan sets out policies and guidance for the development of the borough until July 2033 or until it is superseded.
- B.10.2 Table B.4 includes the policies within the LBR Local Plan (2015-2018) which are relevant to this Project.

*Table B.4 Relevant Policies - LBR Local Plan (2015-2018)*

Policy reference	Title
Local Plan (LP) 1:	Local Character and design quality
LP 3	Designated Heritage Asset
LP 5	Views and vistas
LP 7	Archaeology
LP 8	Amenity and living conditions
LP 10	Local Environmental Impacts, Pollution and Land Contamination
LP 12	Green Infrastructure
LP 13	Green Belt, Metropolitan Open Land and Local Green Space
LP 14	Other open land of townscape importance
LP 15	Biodiversity
LP 16	Trees, woodlands and landscapes
LP 18	River corridors
LP 20	Climate Change Adaption
LP 21	Flood risk and Sustainable Drainage
LP 22	Sustainable design and construction
LP 23	Water Resources and Infrastructure
LP 24	Waste Management
LP 29	Education and Training

Policy reference	Title
LP 30	Health and wellbeing
LP 31	Public Open Space, Play Space, Sport and Recreation
LP 45	Parking standards and servicing

## B.11 London Borough of Richmond upon Thames Draft Local Plan (Regulation 19)

- B.11.1 The LBR is currently preparing a new Local Plan for the Richmond borough<sup>11</sup>. The emerging draft Local Plan will replace the current Local Plan and the Twickenham Area Action Plan. The draft plan was subject to an Examination between the 25 June 2024 and the 12 July 2024. The emerging Local Plan is due to be formally adopted by LBR in winter 2024/25.
- B.11.2 Table B.5 includes the policies within the LBR Emerging Local Plan (Regulation 19) which are relevant to this Project.

*Table B.5 Relevant chapter or policies - Richmond Draft Local Plan (Regulation 19)*

Chapter or policy reference	Title
Chapter 6	Place based Strategy for Hampton and Hampton Hill
Chapter 8	Place based Strategy for Twickenham, Strawberry Hill and St Margarets
Policy 3	Tackling the climate emergency
Policy 4	Minimising greenhouse gas emissions and promoting energy efficiency
Policy 6	Sustainable construction standards
Policy 7	Waste and the circular economy
Policy 8	Flood risk and sustainable drainage
Policy 9	Water resources and infrastructure
Policy 28	Local character and design quality
Policy 29	Designated Heritage Assets
Policy 31	Views and vistas
Policy 33	Archaeology
Policy 34	Green and Blue Infrastructure



Chapter or policy reference	Title
Policy 35	Green belt, metropolitan open land and local green space
Policy 36	Other open land of townscape importance
Policy 37	Public open space, play, sport and recreation
Policy 38	Urban greening
Policy 39	Biodiversity and Geodiversity
Policy 40	Rivers and river corridors
Policy 42	Trees, woodland and landscape
Policy 44	Design process
Policy 46	Amenity and living conditions
Policy 48	Vehicular parking standards, cycle parking, servicing and construction logistics management
Policy 50	Education and Training (strategic policy)
Policy 51	Health and Wellbeing
Policy 53	Local environmental impacts

## B.12 Ham and Petersham Neighbourhood Plan

- B.12.1 The Ham and Petersham Neighbourhood Development Plan was adopted in January 2019. Its vision is to enhance the identity of Ham and Petersham as “a distinct and sustainable mixed community giving great opportunities to live and work within semi-rural historic landscape”.
- B.12.2 Table B.6 includes the policies within the Ham and Petersham Neighbourhood Plan<sup>12</sup> which are relevant to this Project.

*Table B.6 Relevant Policies - Ham and Petersham Neighbourhood Plan*

Policy reference	Title
Character and Heritage (C) 1	Protecting Green Character
C 2	Character and context appraisals
C 3	Protecting the character of built areas
Green spaces (G) 1	Open spaces
G 2	Light pollution
Environmental sustainability (E) 4	Sustainable Drainage

## B.13 Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames Core Strategies Policy

B.13.1 The Core Strategy was adopted in 2012 and aims to set out how the borough will develop over the next 15 years. It allocates land, promotes investment, where people live, work, shop, and are educated. It sets out the infrastructure network of roads, schools, community centres and it maps the conservation and enhancement of the environment. The Core Strategy is the legal basis for determining planning applications, allocating land and encouraging investment.

B.13.2 Table B.7 includes the policies within the Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames (RBK) Core Strategies Policies<sup>13</sup> which are relevant to this Project.

*Table B.7 Relevant policies - Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames Core Strategies Policy*

Policy reference	Title
Core Strategy (CS) 1	Climate Change Mitigation
CS 2	Climate change adaptation
Development Management (DM) 1	Sustainable design and construction
DM 3	Designing for changing climate
DM 4	Water management and flood risk
CS 3	Natural and green environment
DM 5	Green belt, Metropolitan Open Land (MOL) and Open Space Needs
DM 6	Biodiversity
DM 7	Thames Policy Area
CS 6	Sustainable travel
CS 7	Managing vehicle use
DM 8	Sustainable transport for new development
DM 9	Management vehicle use for new development
CS 8	Character, design and heritage
DM 10	Design requirements for new developments (including House Extensions)
DM 11	Design approach
DM 12	Development in Conservation Areas and affecting heritage assets

Policy reference	Title
DM 21	Health impacts
DM24	Protection and provision of community facilities
Kingston Town (KT) 1:	Kingston Town Neighbourhood
Implementation and Delivery (IMP) 1	Partnership Working in Kingston
IMP 2:	Sewerage and Water Infrastructure

## B.14 Kingston Draft Local Plan 2019-2041

B.14.1 In 2019, the RBK commenced engagement on the development of the Kingston Local Plan 2019-2041<sup>14</sup>, which once adopted will replace the adopted Core Strategy and Kingston Town Centre Area Action Plan as the council's main Development Plan Document. RBK's Local Development Scheme programmes adopted the Local Plan in 2023. In November 2022, RBK published a Regulation 18 first draft version of the Local Plan for consultation, which was consulted on between November 2022 and February 2023. A summary of the consultation feedback on the first draft Local Plan was published in August 2023. Publication of the Regulation 19 version of the new Local Plan is due to be consulted in autumn 2024.

B.14.2 Table B.8 includes the policies within the RBK Local Plan 2019-2041 which are relevant to this Project.

*Table B.8 Relevant policies - RBK Draft Local Plan 2019-2041*

Policy reference	Title
K 1	Sustainable locations for good growth
KC 1	Climate change and environmental sustainability
KC 2	Air Quality
KC 3	Flood Risk
KC 4	Sustainable Drainage
KC 5	Sustainable Wastewater Drainage
KC 6	Managing heat risk
KC 7	Minimising Greenhouse Gas Emissions
KC 10	Sustainable Construction and Supporting the Circular Economy

Policy reference	Title
KD 1	Delivering high-quality design
KD 2	Design considerations for development
KD 3	Amenity
KD 4	Public realm
KD 10	Views Management
KD 12	Heritage Assets
KD 13	Development affecting Heritage Assets
KD 14	Archaeology
KN 1	Green and Blue Infrastructure
KN 2	Open Spaces
KN 3	Biodiversity
KN 4	Urban Greening and Trees
KN 6	Green Belt and Metropolitan Open Land
KT 1	Strategic Approach to Transport
KT 2	Sustainable travel and healthy streets
KT 5	Sustainable Servicing
KI 1	Infrastructure and Development Communications
KS 2	Health and Social Care Facilities

## B.15 Draft North Kingston Neighbourhood Plan (Regulation 14)

- B.15.1 A pre submission version of the North Kingston Neighbourhood Plan 2019-2041<sup>15</sup> was published by the North Kingston Neighbourhood Forum in April 2021 for consultation. As of September 2024, the Plan does not yet appear to have been submitted to RBK (Regulation 15).
- B.15.2 Table B.9 includes the policies within the draft North Kingston Neighbourhood Plan 2019-2041 (Regulation 14) which are relevant to this Project.

*Table B.9 Relevant policies - draft North Kingston Neighbourhood Plan 2019-2041*

Policy reference	Title
NK 5	Sustainable design
NK 6	Key views
NK 7	Conservation areas and local areas of special character
NK 12	Access and movements
NK 15	Green infrastructure
NK 16	Local green spaces
NK 18	Public realm

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