Southampton Core Strategy Partial Review and City Centre Action Plan Habitat Regulations Assessment – Final Minor Changes at Adoption March 2015

Introduction

A Habitat Regulations Assessment was undertaken by Urban Edge Environmental Consulting on behalf of the Council for each stage of the preparation of the Core Strategy Partial Review and City Centre Action Plan, as follows:

The Council adopted the Plan making the additional minor changes set out below. This report constitutes the Habitat Regulations Assessment of these final minor changes. The Assessment was undertaken by the Council's Planning Ecologist.

Additional Minor Changes

Ref.	Paragraph number (Proposed Submission)	Source	Type of change	Comment	Likely Significant Adverse Effect?	Reason
1	CSPR Front page	Further change proposed by council	Update	Change title, delete 'Post Hearing 'Tracked Changes' Version June 2014 add in Adopted 2015	No	Presentational change
2	CSPR 2nd page of text	Further change	Update	Delete text apart from final 2 paragraphs (Section 1 and Section 2). This discusses how to make representations on the plan. Update references to	No	Presentational change

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		proposed by council		page numbers. Amend reference to specific proposed changes		
3	CSPR Para 1.2	Further change proposed by council	Update	Delete paragraph. This explains the changes since the Proposed Submission CSPR.	No	Presentational change
4	CSPR Section 2	Further change proposed by council	Update	Amend title to 'Changes to the Core Strategy' (was Proposed Changes to the Core Strategy)	No	Presentational change
5	CSPR Section 2	Further change proposed by council	Update	Amend paragraph to state 'This section sets out the proposed specific changes to the adopted Core Strategy (2010), as tracked changes. Representations at this stage can only be made on the tracked changes in bold and either underlined (for additions) or struck through (for deletions). It should be read in conjunction with the adopted Core Strategy.	No	Presentational change
6	CSPR Page 6 Table after Table 1	Further change proposed by council	Correction	Delete second struck through table - this was proposed and then not taken forward (the table is now in the CCAP)	No	The Table sets out the phasing of retail sites and is simply relocated to the CCAP.
7	CSPR Para. 4.4.14	Consultation comments	Update	For consistency, replace 'PPS6' with 'national guidance'	No	Updating reference
8	CSPR 4.4.14 & 4.4.15	Further change proposed by council	Update	Update reference to 'City Centre Action Plan Table X' now 'City Centre Action Plan Table 4'	No	Updating reference

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	number				Significant	
	(Proposed		Type of		Adverse	
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				Delete references to PPS6 and 'the evidence referred	No	Presentational
				to within Table 1 on page 29' (table now deleted). First		Change and
		Further		sentence now reads: This policy will be applied in		Updating Reference
		change		accordance with Government guidance, currently		
		proposed by		PPS6 Planning for Town Centres (2005); and the		
9	CSPR 4.5.12	council	Update	evidence referred to within Table 1 on page 31.		
		Further			No	Presentational
		change		Formatting change to reinstate numbered bullet points		Change
	CSPR Policy CS	proposed by		3 - 5 (3. Safeguarding 4. Ensuring that development		
10	22	council	Formatting	retains 5. Ensuring development seeks)		
					No	Updating reference
	CSPR Table 3	Further				to reduction in
	Delivery and	change		Delete reference to previous proposed targets; leaving		targets (which have
	Monitoring	proposed by		only the final CSPR and Core Strategy targets (i.e.		already been
11	Framework	council	Update	retail 36,000, 54,900 sq m)		subject to HRA)
		Further			No	Presentational
		change				Change
	CSPR	proposed by				
12	Throughout	council	Formatting	Unbolden changes made after the examination		
		Further			No	Presentational
		change		Update cross references to policies and paragraphs,		Change
	CCAP	proposed by		ensure consistent policy and section names,		
13	Throughout	council	Formatting	undertake minor formatting changes and corrections		
		Further			No	Presentational
		change				Change
	CCAP	proposed by	_	Amend footer 'Southampton City Council, City Centre		
14	Throughout	council	Formatting	Action Plan – Adopted version March 2015'		
	CCAP				No	Updating Reference
	Throughout -					
	particularly in	Consultation		Ensure references are to 'City Industrial Park' instead		
15	Office and	comments	Correction	of 'City Industrial Estate'		

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	Western Gateway sections					
16	CCAP Throughout - maps (& Policies Map)	Consultation comments	Update	Ensure consistent city centre boundary to reflect extension in the Station Quarter	No	Consistency with boundary change (which has already been subject to HRA)
17	Title page	Further change proposed by council	Formatting	Add in new title page to clearly state when plan will be adopted, the Head of Culture and Planning's details and where to get further information	No	Updating reference
18	Second page	Further change proposed by council	Formatting	Add in new page setting out information about how the CCAP promotes equality and complies with Section 149 of the Equality Act (2010)	No	Updating reference
19	Third page	Further change proposed by council	Formatting	Add in new page with a foreword	No	Presentational change
20	1.2 & others	Further change proposed by council	Correction	Update date of CSPR for consistency - currently 2013, change to 2015	No	Updating reference
21	Para 3.11	Consultation comments	Clarification	Para 3.11. Amend AM18 last sentence to readindividual developments will include measures to manage "foul water and "flood risk"	No	Clarification – such measures will take into account the requirements of the Water Framework Directive which is

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						consistent with the Habitat Regulations.
22	Table Xa - now Table 1 (beneath 4.8)	Further change proposed by council	Tidy up	Rename 'New office delivery'	No	Presentational change
23	Map 3 (offices)	Consultation comments	Correction	Redo map 3 (there is a formatting issue in the list of sites)	No	Presentational change
24	4.23	Further change proposed by council	Previous change not made	Deletion left off schedule of minor modifications in error: 'The Policies Map defines the extent of this safeguarding' (reference to Policies Map is now in the amended paragraph).	No	Minor change
25	4.27	Consultation comments	Correction	MM27 should also have included reference to Dock Gate 5 - 'The road access to the Eastern Docks (Dock Gate 4 and Dock Gate 5)'	No	Factual correction
26	Page 26, footnote (Minerals)	Further change proposed by council	Correction	Correct date of Minerals and Waste Plan to 2013	No	Updating reference
27	Map 4 (retail)	Consultation comments	Clarification	Add information to map to show sites likely to deliver retail floorspace in the PSA from table X (after para. 4.50)	No	Adding sites to map from table which has already been subject to HRA
28	New table, page 34	Consultation comments	Correction	Table of Retail floorspace likely to be delivered in the existing PSA (previously CSPR Table 1) - reference to Above Bar St / Pound Tree Lane should be corrected to 'Above Bar St / Pound Tree Road'	No	Factual correction
29	4.86	Further change	Correction	Word missing in second sentence. Add in 'but states that in high density areas'	No	Factual correction

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30	New table	Further change proposed by council	Tidy up	AM32 introduced a new table showing the components of housing supply in the city centre. These figures are now rounded to the nearest 5 for clarity.	No	Formatting change
31	Policies to be replaced / retained after 4.91	Further change proposed by council	Correction	Correction and for consistency with appendix on superseded LPR policies. Delete reference to policies 'H13 (part) New Student Accommodation' and 'H14 (part) Retention of Student Accommodation' – included in error	No	Factual update
32	4.92	Further change proposed by council	Update	Update to note that proposals in primary school review have been progressed. Currently states 'This has resulted in proposals to double the number of places'). Amend sentence to; 'This has resulted in the doubling of places'	No	Factual update
33	4.94 (and 6.32)	Further change proposed by council	Update	Update re. City College Studio School. Para 4.94 Replace 'A new vocational studio school is opening on the City College site in 2013.' with 'A new vocational studio school, the Inspire Enterprise Academy opened on the City College site in 2013.' 6.32 Replace 'City College are opening a Studio School'	No	Factual update
34	Table of policies to be replaced / retained after 4.98	Further change proposed by council	Clarification	Amend reference to L7 (part) The University of Southampton (designation shown on Policies Map)	No	Clarification
35	Page 50, list under A Greener Centre	Further change proposed by council	Correction	Change to 'Water' as not consistent with section heading	No	Presentational change

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		Further change proposed by	-		No	Presentational change
36	71 0	council	Tidy up	Round numbers up / down		
37	Map 10, Policies Map	Consultation comments	Correction	Amend boundary as the flood risk maps still include some Port land	No	Correction
38	4.139	Further change proposed by council	Update	Separate map to be produced to ease updating. Add sentence after first sentence and amend text as follows: 'The policy criteria 3 - 5 apply to development which is or will fall within flood risk zone 2 (medium risk) and flood risk zone 3 (high risk). The Environment Agency's latest 'Flood Maps for Planning' show the current flood zones; and the SFRA2 (or any update) shows the additional areas which will be within the flood zones by 2110. The flood zones and levels applied will be determined in detail by the development's flood risk assessment by the CFERM, SFRA2 or any update, and will relate to the end of the development's expected lifetime. The Policies Map indicates the predicted flood zones at 2110, based on the CFERM.'	No	Flood risk zones to be kept separate from policies map to facilitate updating of maps. Change agreed with Environment Agency.
	4.144	Further change proposed by council	Update	Update re. SUDS approval body changes: 'The use of sustainable drainage systems (SuDS) should be prioritised for all developments to reduce the rate of discharge and, where possible, the volume of surface water runoff from sites to decrease the burden on existing off-site drainage infrastructure and contribute towards reducing flood risk in the local area. Where surface water runoff currently discharges into foul water sewers, the introduction of SuDS may	No	Clarification – SuDS help to implement the requirements of the WFD which are consistent with the Habitats Regulations.

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				reduce these discharges and so create extra capacity within existing sewers. This may mean a developer does not have to upgrade the sewer capacity. SuDs may also minimise flood risk and can also deliver other have environmental benefits, but to achieve maximum functionality of the system the design of SuDS needs to be considered and incorporated from the outset of any development proposals. In line with the Water Framework Directive, development must not lead to a deterioration in, and where possible contribute to 'good status' for, water quality. This will be particularly relevant for the design of SuDs and waterfront sites. It is anticipated that statutory requirements will shortly be introduced with respect to SuDs, with the Council becoming the approval body.'		
40	4.178	Further change proposed by council	Update	Amend second sentence; 'Transport for South Hampshire (TfSH), now known as Solent Transport, has have developed a strategic transport model which will be has been used to comprehensively assess the wider transport impact of the revised city centre development proposals and identify the necessary supporting transport interventions.'	No	Factual update
41	4.178 & others	Further change proposed by council	Update	Update references to Transport for South Hampshire. Add in 'now known as Solent Transport' after reference to 'Transport for South Hampshire (TfSH)'	No	Factual update
42	4.188	Further change proposed by council	Update	Update reference to microsimulation work: 'Microsimulation modelling work of highway capacity produced preliminary results in 2012 and further work is currently underway.'	No	Factual update

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43	4.199	Further change proposed by council	Update	Update reference to the Parking Strategy in second sentence: 'The 2008 Parking Strategy is superseded by this Plan, and by a partial review of the Parking Strategy to be completed in 2013'.	No	Review of parking standards now included in CCAP (and has already been subject to HRA).
44	Table of policies to be replaced / retained after 5.16, 5.29, 5.43,	Further change proposed by council	Consistency	Amend reference to 'Local Plan Review (until superseded in the Southampton Development Plan)'. The next plan to be adopted (the title of which is not yet decided) will update the CCAP and therefore these references are not needed.	No	Factual update
45	5.21	Further change proposed by council	Update	Update reference to improvements to Central Station north as follows. 'Improvements to the entrances of the Central Station were completed in 2012. In the medium term, improvements to both the bus interchange and the public realm on the north side of the station are <u>under construction proposed</u> as part of <u>Transport for South Hampshire-Solent Transport</u> 's 'Better Connected South Hampshire Fund'.	No	Factual update
46	Para 5.30	Consultation comments	Correction	Para 5.30, 6th line, replace 'separated from the waterfront by a narrow strip of land' with 'separated from the waterfront by a relatively narrow strip of land'	No	Factual correction
47	Key connections after 5.48	Consultation comments	Update	Delete final bullet point 'Improve traffic management and access across the site to the cruise terminals with the general dock access including berth 101 relocated (providing an acceptable replacement can be found)'. The loss of Herbert Walker Avenue and relocation of the access to berth 101 is no longer proposed (and	No	Retains existing situation. Development will be subject to a project level HRA.

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				other policies which promote waterfront access and improved linkages will apply).		
48	5.52	Further change proposed by council	Correction	Mistake noted in Major Modification MM 90. This proposed adding in text including the phrase 'or creating an attractive waterfront and mixed use attractive frontages.' This is a drafting error and is inconsistent with the track change version produced. It should state 'or creating an attractive waterfront and mixed use active frontages.'	No	Policy is clear that development will be a major destination to attract people, and this has already been subject to HRA. Development will be subject to a project level HRA.
49	5.56	Further change proposed by council	Correction	Amend 4th sentence (missing word) - 'It is one of the few parades of this date and construction'	No	Grammatical correction
50	5.65	Further change proposed by council	Correction	Mistake noted in Minor Modification AM 56. This proposed the following amendment - 'The target for comparison retail growth in the city centre is 90,000 100,000 sq m (gross), with 53,810 61,000 sq m proposed 2012 - 2016.' The time period should be 2013 - 2026.	No	Factual correction

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Ref	Submission) Policy AP 27	Further change proposed by council	change	Mistake noted in Major Modification MM 99. This proposed adding in text including the phrase 'or retail development (A1) or which meet policies CS 3, AP 6 or AP 7'. This is a drafting error (an extra 'or' was added by mistake). It should state 'or retail development (A1) which meet policies CS 3, AP 6 or AP 7'.	No	Factual correction
52	Para 5.98, Key connections after para 5.142	Consultation comments	Clarification	Holyrood / Queens Pk key connections and para. 5.98, add reference to AP19 Green Mile	No	Elaboration of text – AP19 has been assessed under HRA.
53	Table of policies to be replaced / retained after 5.115, 5.124, 5.137,	Further change proposed by council	Correction	Amend reference to 'CS 2 Major Development Quarter Zone'	No	Updating reference
54	5.117 & 5.118 & 6.11	Further change proposed by council	Update	Update reference to 'new Council offices' in One Guildhall Square to state 'new offices'	No	Updating reference
55	5.121	Further change proposed by council	Update	Update re. completion of Mayflower Halls. Replace: 'The Mayflower Halls area will see a mixed use development potentially for residential, office and/or hotel uses. The ground floor uses could include restaurants and cafes and similar uses that help to stimulate street activity'. with 'The new Mayflower Halls development includes student accommodation and a retail unit.'	No	Factual update

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	Design Guidance after para 5.142, last bullet point (Holyrood/Queens	Consultation		For consistency, amend AM10 to delete 'access' and therefore read 'Where relevant, development and key	No	Minor change to protect Port
56	Park quarter)	comments	Correction	connections should accord with policy AP4 (the Port)'		
57	5.174	Further change proposed by council	Correction	The last but one sentence refers to 'the southern part of the quarter and Carlton Terrace', this should refer to 'the southern part of the quarter and Carlton Crescent'	No	Factual correction
58	6.7	Further change proposed by council	Update	Update re. progress of CCAP. This currently states - '6.7 The Action Plan and Master Plan have evolved in the light of public consultation in January – March 2012. The Action Plan is now the subject of formal consultation.'. Replace with: 'The Action Plan and Master Plan have evolved in the light of ongoing public consultation and engagement'.	No	Factual update
59		Further change proposed by council	Update	City Deal - 'the Government has announced that Southampton and Portsmouth were awarded funding are in the 2nd wave of City Deals. The Councils will negotiated plans to get more powers	No	Factual update
60	6.11	Further change proposed by council	Update	Update re. OGS, Central Station north improvements and Mayflower Halls: OGS - replace 'major new Council / public sector offices' with 'major new offices' Central Station north - replace 'construction will shortly commence' with 'construction has commenced'; Mayflower Halls - replace 'Mayflower Halls (for students, under construction)'.'Mayflower Halls (for students, completed)'	No	Factual update

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				Update re. rail ('The council has') and ferry (re. RGF):Rail, 2. Station north side transport interchange /	No	Factual update
		Further				
				public realm improvements - 'The first phase of		
		change		enhancements will commenced in 2013.'Ferry - • Has		
	T-1.1. 7	proposed by	l la alata	secured submitted a bid for Regional Growth Fund		
61	Table 7	council	Update	money to relocate the ferry terminal.D62		0 (00
		Further		Dalata final bullati (Malia anno constituti to bec	No	See ref. 39
		change		Delete final bullet: 'Make arrangements to become a		
		proposed by		SuDS Approving Body in April 2014 once confirmed by		
62	6.29	council	Update	Government'		
				Update sites;	No	Factual update
				Tyrrell & Green - 'Tyrrell and Green site is under		
				construction has been cleared ready for development		
				North of Central Station - '(Phase 1 is funded and-will		
				commenced in 2013)'.		
				South of Central Station - The Council will 'Bid for		
				funding in 2013 for public realm improvements.		
				'Secure Investigate partnering arrangements and a		
				landowners' agreement'. Secure a developer Test the		
				development potential with a view to the phased		
				delivery of a scheme'.		
				WWQ - update '• Development to commence		
				completion is expected by 2016.		
		Further		East Street SC - update '• Development completion		
		change		expected during 2014'		
		proposed by		Solent Uni - update 'Planning permission granted		
63	Table 8	council	Update	applciation expected in 2013		
		Further		Correct error under 'Outcomes' monitored for AP 12	No	Factual update
		change		Green Infrastructure and Open Space; 'Increase in the		
		proposed by		quality quantity and improve quality and accessibility of		
64	Table 12	council	Correction	protected open space'		

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65	New appendix - Development targets	Consultation comments	Update	Minor amendments to CCAP development target appendix, as sent to Inspector on June 28th. Amendments to 2nd paragraph under 2.8, 2. para 2.10, 2.11, 2.12, 2.13 and 2.14. Points are for clarification and formatting changes.	No	Detailed changes for clarity
66	App 1, diagram	Further change proposed by council	Update	Update TfSH following name change. Add in 'now known as Solent Transport' after reference to Transport for South Hampshire (TfSH)	No	Updating reference
67	App 2, 2.1	Further change proposed by council	Tidy up /	Delete final sentence and link to SA online: 'The report is available to view at http://www.southampton.gov.uk/s-environment/policy/developmentframework/actionplan'. The link is wrong and it is council policy not to include links as they will become out of date.	No	Updating reference
68		Further change proposed by council	Clarification	Add short explanation of 'Coastal dog management project' - '(to encourage responsible dog walking and direct dog walkers to less sensitive parts of the coast)'	No	Additional information for clarity. This is a key mitigation measure supported by Natural England.
69	Appendix 4	Further change proposed by council	Correction	Table of Existing LPR policies replaced by the CCAP; reference to part of MSA 14 omitted in error. Note that it is replaced by 'AP 21 MDZ – Station Quarter. This applies to the part relating to the Norman Offer site (the remainder of this site is outside the city centre boundary)'	No	Update for consistency with changes which have already been subject to HRA
70		Further change proposed by council	Correction	Table of Existing LPR policies which no longer apply to the city centre; reference to LPR Appendix 1, CLT 7 Provision of New Public Open Space and CLT 9 Sites for Indoor Sport omitted in error. Note that although	No	Factual correction

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				Table 8 replaces Appendix 1 policy SDP 5 will still apply. Note with reference to CLT 9 being replaced by AP 33 that 'Proposals for a Healthy Living Centre are not being progressed - this part of the policy is no longer required'.		
71	Appendix 4	Further change proposed by council	Correction	LPR policy L7 The University of Southampton was included in error - this policy applies to the University Development Area which is outside the city centre and therefore will not be replaced by CCAP policy AP 11 as stated.	No	Factual correction
72	Policies Map	Consultation comments	Clarification	Add HSE / MoD consultation zones	No	Update for clarity
73	Policies Map	Further change proposed by council	Confirmation	AM 9 noted that the council was also considering an additional modification prior to adoption to indicate Health and Safety Executive consultation zones across the city. The council will make this change to add the zones to the Policies Map.	No	Update for clarity