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Executive Summary

This Addendum to the Draft Plan Strategy's 'Draft Habitats Regulations Assessment Report', June 2025, is prepared in support of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council's Local Development Plan 2035, and should be read in conjunction with these previously published documents.

All representations received during the formal public consultation period for the Draft Plan Strategy, held between Friday 27 June 2025 and Monday 22 September 2025, are available on the Council's website Newry, Mourne and Down District Council Draft Plan Strategy. The Council's response to these representations will be made available on submission of all LDP documents to the Department for Infrastructure to cause an Independent Examination.

The Draft Habitats Regulations Assessment ('Draft HRA') Report was published as a supporting document to the Draft Plan Strategy for formal consultation in June 2025. Two representations were received in relation to the Draft Plan Strategy's Draft HRA.

After due consideration of all representations received to the Draft Plan Strategy, Newry, Mourne and Down District Council, in accordance with the Department for Infrastructure's Development Plan Practice Note (DPPN) 10, December 2019, is recommending a number of Focused Changes to the published Draft Plan Strategy. These can be found within the published consultation document '**Focused Changes Consultation, Draft Plan Strategy, October 2026**', which accompanies this Addendum.

This Addendum outlines a Schedule of Focused Changes and assesses those proposed Focused Changes in relation to the HRA process. All Focused Changes were screened to review their significance in light of the previous assessment of implications for European sites documented in the Draft HRA Report.

Should a likely significant effect be identified, the requirement for Appropriate Assessment would be considered in accordance with the Habitats Regulations and, where necessary, mitigation would be identified and incorporated to ensure that adverse effects on the integrity of European sites would be avoided.

A screening assessment of the policies with Focused Changes proposed was undertaken which found that further assessment is not required and the conclusions of the Draft HRA are unaffected.

If the proposed Focused Changes are all accepted, and the Draft Plan Strategy amended accordingly, it remains the case that, taking account of the mitigation measures that are already included in the Draft Plan Strategy, there is not likely to be an adverse effect on the site integrity of any European site arising from any aspect of the LDP Plan Strategy. The Draft HRA will be updated and finalised following public consultation and Independent Examination of the Draft Plan Strategy. It will then be published alongside the Council's adopted Plan Strategy.

This Addendum is being published for public consultation for a period of 8 weeks, which corresponds to the timeframe specified in Development Plan Practice Note 10 'Submitting Development Plan Documents for Independent Examination'.

1.0 Introduction

1.1 The Draft Plan Strategy was published for public consultation on 27 June 2025. Part 1 of the Draft Plan Strategy contains the LDP Strategic Policies. These are underpinned by a range of Operational Policies, contained within Part 2 of this document.

1.2 The Council received 102 representations to the Draft Plan Strategy. Paragraph 4.3 of Development Plan Practice Note Submitting Development Plan Documents for Independent Examination (DPPN 10, December 2019) states that: 'Following receipt of representations to the DPD, the council will consider the issues raised…Ultimately the council will consider each issue raised and determine whether there will be: No Change; Minor Changes; Focused Changes; or Fundamental Changes required to its Plan Strategy'.

1.3 Full consideration of all representations received in relation to the Draft Plan Strategy will be detailed in a Public Consultation Report (PCR), which takes account of the main issues raised. This will be published on submission of all documents to the Department for Infrastructure (DfI) in order to cause an Independent Examination.

1.4 Following consideration of all representations received, the Council is proposing a number of Focused Changes to the published Draft Plan Strategy which take full account of the administrative procedures for any proposed change to the Draft Plan Strategy, as outlined in DPPN 10.

1.5 Focused changes are presented in the form of a 'Focused Changes' Addendum as indicated in paragraph 4.7 of DPPN 10. In accordance with paragraph 4.5 and 6.8 of DPPN10, as part of a council's submission to the Department, a list of proposed minor changes to the Draft Plan Strategy may be submitted that have not been subject to consultation. These changes do not impact upon the soundness of the DPD and do not require public consultation.

1.6 In accordance with paragraph 4.10 of DPPN 10, the Council is publishing the Focused Change addendum and all other statutory assessments, including a Sustainability Appraisal (SA) Addendum, a Draft Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) Addendum, a Draft Equality Impact Addendum and a Draft Rural Needs Impact Addendum, for a period of eight weeks as required.

1.7 The proposed Focused Changes require consideration in order to check if they alter the 'likely significant effects' predicted in the already published HRA Report, or if they may lead to any new additional potential significant effects.

1.8 This Addendum includes the following:

- Re-Screening of the policies with Focused Changes;
- Conclusions on whether any Focused Changes would give rise to a likely significant effect on a European site not previously identified in the Draft HRA and whether further assessment is required.
- Record of a minor change to the Draft HRA to address a representation received which will be implemented in the next update to the HRA, prior to it being finalised.

1.9 The Draft HRA will be updated and finalised following public consultation and independent examination of the Draft Plan Strategy. A final HRA will be published alongside the Council's adopted Plan Strategy.

2.0 Statutory Requirements

2.1 The Conservation (Natural Habitats, etc.) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995 (as amended), regulation 43, requires an Appropriate Assessment to be undertaken of plans and projects which are likely to have a significant effect on a European site in Northern Ireland, either alone or in combination with other plans or projects. This is known as Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA). Regulation 64B of the Habitats Regulations (NI) also makes specific provisions for the assessment of implications for European site(s) from a land use plan by the plan-making authority, before the plan is given effect.

2.2 In this HRA Addendum Report, the term 'European sites' is used to describe all sites protected by regional policy on HRA. These are:

- a Special Protection Area (SPA) or proposed Special Protection Area (pSPA);
- a Special Area of Conservation (SAC), candidate Special Area of Conservation (cSAC) or a Site of Community Importance (SCI); and
- a Ramsar site (either listed or proposed).

2.3 The Council's Draft Plan Strategy has the potential to have significant effects on some designated European sites. Therefore, a Draft HRA was undertaken by the Council, as the competent authority, ensuring the legal requirements of the Habitats Regulations were fully met. It therefore follows that any Focused and Minor Changes to the Draft Plan Strategy must also be assessed under the Habitats Regulations. This Addendum follows the guidance set out in the Habitats Regulations Assessment Handbook[1] (the HRA Handbook) and is also informed by the reference material in Appendix 1 of the Draft HRA.

2.4 The Draft HRA was published as a supporting document to the Draft Plan Strategy for formal consultation in June 2025. Two representations were received in relation to the Draft HRA. One minor change to the Draft HRA has been proposed in response to one of the representations received. Further details are provided in Appendix 2 of this Addendum Report.

3.0 Screening of Focused Changes

3.1 As stated previously, following the careful consideration of all the representations received, the Council has recommended a number of proposed Focused Changes to the published Draft Plan Strategy. These can be found in the **Focused Changes Consultation, Draft Plan Strategy, October 2026,** which accompanies this Addendum. The focused changes to text have been identified as follows:

- text that is being removed is shown in ~~red strikethrough~~

[1] Tyldesley, D., and Chapman, C., (2013) The Habitats Regulations Assessment Handbook, December 2024 edition UK: DTA Publications Ltd.

- new or amended text is coloured in blue.

3.2 The Focused Changes to the Draft Plan Strategy were considered to have the potential to change the assessment of likely effects on social, economic and environmental interests. The changes cover the entirety of the Draft Plan Strategy Parts 1 and 2. Some of the changes (insertions, deletions and amendments) alter the wording of policies and the subsequent justification and amplification which provides policy clarification and implementation of that policy.

3.3 In any case where a competent authority is considering a variation or modification to a Plan or Project that is subject to the requirements of the Habitats Regulations (NI), it may adopt its previous assessment conclusions for the variation where appropriate and the following conditions are met, that is to say the competent authority must first be satisfied that:

- any changes were immaterial to those conclusions; or if potentially material -
  - there is no new information or evidence that may lead to a different conclusion;
  - the assessments already done are relevant, thorough and correct;
  - the conclusions of the previous assessment are rigorous and robust; and
  - there is no new case law that changes the way a Habitats Regulations Assessment should be carried out or interpreted.

3.4 With this in mind, the initial step is reviewing the Draft HRA and screening the Focused Changes to identify any that could materially alter the previous assessment and its conclusions. The Focused Changes have been compared against the Plan Strategy policies and any supporting information to check whether the effect and implementation of that policy would be materially changed insofar as it relates to effects on European sites. The screening of the Focused Changes is set out in Appendix 1 and the outcome summarised below.

3.5 Minor changes are minor editing changes to the Draft Plan Strategy which would not impact soundness of the Development Plan Document and which do not require public consultation. In identifying and distinguishing minor changes and Focused Changes, the Council has screened the proposed minor changes in light of the assessment requirements of the Habitats Regulations (NI). The Council considers that the minor changes are immaterial to the findings of the HRA, further assessment of the minor changes is not required and the conclusions of the Draft HRA are unaffected.

4.0 Conclusion

4.1 The proposed Focused Changes to the Draft Plan Strategy do not introduce new policies but provide amendments and clarification to the existing published policies to ensure coherence and consistency, in accordance with such tests as set out in DPPN 6 (Soundness) and DPPN 10 (Submitting DPD Documents for Independent Examination), to ensure that any impact upon the soundness of the DPD is addressed.

4.2 The aims and objectives of the policies are unaltered, and in reviewing the Draft HRA in context with the Focused Changes, the outcomes remain materially unchanged

from those originally identified and considered in the initial Draft HRA. While the Draft HRA will require to be updated to reflect the Focused Changes and any relevant new information or evidence prior to adoption, it is considered that likely significant effects on European sites have already been properly assessed in the Draft HRA and further assessment is not required.

Appendix 1: Review of Focused Changes to the Draft Plan Strategy Proposals and Policies

The following categories were used in the Draft HRA to inform the screening of each policy. They have also informed the re-screening of the policy with the Focused Change implemented.

A. General statement of policy/general aspiration (screened out).
B. Policy listing general criteria for testing the acceptability/sustainability of proposals (screened out).
C. Proposal referred to but not proposed by the plan (screened out).
D. General plan-wide environmental protection/site safeguarding/threshold policies (screened out).
E. Policies or proposals which steer change in such a way as to protect European sites from adverse effects (screened out).
F. Policy that cannot lead to development or other change (screened out).
G. Policy or proposal that could not have any conceivable effect on a site (screened out).
H. Policy or proposal the (actual or theoretical) effects of which cannot undermine the conservation objectives (either alone or in combination with other aspects of this or other plans or projects) (screened out).
I. Policy or proposal which may have a likely significant effect on a site alone (screened in)
J. Policy or proposal with an effect on a site but unlikely to be significant alone, so need to check for likely significant effects in combination
K. Policy or proposal unlikely to have a significant effect either alone or in combination (screened out after the in-combination test).
L. Policy or proposal which might be likely to have a significant effect in combination (screened in after the in-combination test).
M. Bespoke area, site or case-specific policies or proposals intended to avoid or reduce harmful effects on a European site (screened in)

In some instances, more than one category may apply. Where it is the case that part of a policy is in one category, e.g. B. 'policy listing general criteria', whereas another part is in another category e.g. H. 'cannot undermine the conservation objectives' then both categories are listed e.g. B/H. Where part of a policy is screened in, then this part will be further assessed.

Part 1: Spatial Growth Strategy and Strategic Policies

Focused Change Reference	Policy	Summary of Proposed Focused Change	Category and Screening	Screening Comment Focused Change
FC1	HS1 - Housing Land Allocation	After the first paragraph of policy insert the following paragraph: In order to ensure the housing requirement can be met, the Plan Strategy proposes an indicative strategic housing allocation of 11,722-12,758 units, allowing for a non-implementation allowance. This takes account of completions, existing commitments and includes an allowance for urban capacity and windfall. Amend the penultimate paragraph of policy to reflect the updated percentage for city and towns as follows: Table 7 shows that up to ~~approximately~~ 65% of the total expected housing delivery over the LDP period is in the city and towns. Amend the Justification and Amplification first paragraph as follows: It will seek to deliver up to ~~approximately 61%~~ 60% of the district's housing within its city and towns over 5,000 population.	Original Draft HRA: I - Screened In Re-screening with FC: I - Screened In	This is a Minor/factual correction for clarification purposes to a strategic policy. The objective of the policy is unaffected, and it remains a general statement of policy. The updating of the figures does not alter the environmental impacts of the plan. No greenfield extension of settlement is required to allow for future housing growth. Re-screening outcome: further assessment is not required and the conclusions of the Draft HRA are unaffected.

		Amend the Justification and Amplification second paragraph as follows: Table 7 sets out an allocation, before application of a non-implementation allowance, of between ~~12,025~~ 12,285 and ~~12,863~~ 13,436 over the plan period 2020-2035. Amend the Justification and Amplification third paragraph as follows: The ~~2024 Housing R~~review of the Council's evidence base suggested that a non-implementation allowance be applied to the strategic housing allocation ~~(see Technical Supplement 2 – Housing)~~. This has resulted in an adjusted provision of between ~~11,373~~ 11,722 and ~~12,127~~ 12,758 dwellings between 2020 and 2035 (see table 7 ~~7.14 Technical Supplement 2 – Housing~~).		
FC2	Policy HS3 Management of Housing Supply Newry City and Towns	Replace the fourth paragraph of the Justification and Amplification under subheading Newry City and Towns as follows: ~~Where it is demonstrated that there is insufficient Phase 1 housing land to meet affordable housing needs, and where this is supported by NIHE, consideration will be given to the release of Phase 2 lands.~~	Original Draft HRA: I - Screened In Re-screening with FC: I - Screened In	The proposed insertion is for clarification purposes and result in no impact on the implementation of the policy in relation to European sites. Re-screening outcome: further assessment is not required and the conclusions of the Draft HRA are unaffected.

		Phase 2 lands are identified in Downpatrick and Ballynahinch. These lands will be released as follows: <u>Downpatrick:</u> DK07 – if the necessary transportation infrastructure associated with Phase 1 is completed to an appropriate stage. Although some of DK07 supply is counted as Phase 2 for monitoring purposes, there is no restriction on any part of the site coming forward within the Plan period. DK11, DK12 and DK13 – if the necessary transportation infrastructure associated with Phase 1 is complete and there is evidence of a need for additional supply through the five-year supply assessment. <u>Ballynahinch:</u> BH12 and BH14 – if there is a localised housing need identified by the NIHE which cannot be met through Phase 1 sites; or if there are insufficient Phase 1 sites remaining to provide a five-year supply. In line with the Plan, Monitor and Manage approach (SPPS, para 6.140) this will be reviewed further at the LPP stage.		

	Policy HS3 Management of Housing Supply Newry City and Towns J&A	Amend the Justification and Amplification last paragraph under subheading Newry City and Towns as follows: At LPP stage the identification of all Phase 1 and Phase 2 sites ~~and their reclassification to Phase 1~~ will follow a sequential approach whereby priority is given to those sites which are suitable, available and accessible ~~with greater accessibility to the city and town centres~~ and where necessary infrastructure is in place.	Original Draft HRA: I - Screened In Re-screening with FC: I - Screened In	The proposed deletions and insertion are for clarification purposes and result in no impact on the implementation of the policy in relation to European sites. Re-screening outcome: further assessment is not required and the conclusions of the Draft HRA are unaffected.

Part 2: General Policy and Operational Policies

Focused Change Reference	Policy	Summary of Proposed Focused Change	Category and Screening	Screening Comment Focused Change
FC3	Policy GP1 – General Policy	Measures to ~~achieve~~ promote biodiversity net gain should be identified at an early stage in the design process and incorporated into development proposals;	Original Draft HRA: I - Screened In Re-screening with FC: I - Screened In	The proposed deletions and insertion are for clarification purposes and result in no impact on the implementation of the policy in relation to European sites. Re-screening outcome: further assessment is not required and the conclusions of the Draft HRA are unaffected.
	Policy GP1 – General Policy	The biodiversity mitigation hierarchy should be used in the design phase to help avoid biodiversity losses, reduce impacts and make it easier to ~~achieve the required amount~~ provide an enhanced level of biodiversity net gain.	Original Draft HRA: I - Screened In Re-screening with FC: I - Screened In	The proposed deletions and insertion are for clarification purposes and result in no impact on the implementation of the policy in relation to European sites. Re-screening outcome: further assessment is not required and the conclusions of the Draft HRA are unaffected.
FC4	Policy HOU7 – Adaptable and Accessible Homes	~~The design~~ A range of dwellings should be provided ~~ensure~~ that ~~they~~ are capable of providing accommodation that is wheelchair accessible for those in society who are mobility impaired. Dwellings should ~~and~~ be in accordance with ~~space standards for~~ wheelchair access standards ~~housing~~ set out in LDP Supplementary Planning Guidance.	Original Draft HRA: I - Screened In Re-screening with FC: I - Screened In	The proposed deletions and insertion are for clarification purposes and result in no impact on the implementation of the policy in relation to European sites. Re-screening outcome: further assessment is not required and the conclusions of the Draft HRA are unaffected.

FC5	HOU8 – Specialist Residential Accommodation	New ~~specialised~~ specialist residential ~~housing~~ accommodation should be located within the settlement limits unless it is clearly demonstrated that a countryside location is necessary to serve an identified need, subject to the sequential test.	Original Draft HRA: I - Screened In Re-screening with FC: I - Screened In	The proposed deletions and insertion are for clarification purposes and result in no impact on the implementation of the policy in relation to European sites. Re-screening outcome: further assessment is not required and the conclusions of the Draft HRA are unaffected.
	HOU8 – Specialist Residential Accommodation	After the second paragraph of policy insert the following paragraph: In circumstances where a countryside location is considered acceptable, such proposals will be assessed on their merits and will be subject to the following sequential test: a) Land adjacent to an existing settlement limit, subject to amenity and environmental considerations; b) A site close to a settlement limit which currently contains buildings or where the site is already in a degraded or derelict state and there is an opportunity to improve the environment; c) An undeveloped site in close proximity to a settlement where the development could be visually integrated into the landscape.	Original Draft HRA: I - Screened In Re-screening with FC: I - Screened In	The proposed insertion is for clarification purposes and result in no impact on the implementation of the policy in relation to European sites. Re-screening outcome: further assessment is not required and the conclusions of the Draft HRA are unaffected.

	HOU8 – Specialist Residential Accommodation	At the beginning of the fifth paragraph of the Justification and Amplification insert the following text: Specialist residential accommodation should be located in settlements unless it is demonstrated that there is an identified need for the facility within the countryside, subject to the sequential test. The location of housing intended for people with specialist housing needs will need careful consideration as not all sites will be suitable, for example, certain physical characteristics such as steep slopes may not be viable or provide ease of access. (cont.)	Original Draft HRA: I - Screened In Re-screening with FC: I - Screened In	The proposed insertion is for clarification purposes and result in no impact on the implementation of the policy in relation to European sites. Re-screening outcome: further assessment is not required and the conclusions of the Draft HRA are unaffected.
FC6	CF1 – Community Facilities	After the first paragraph of policy insert the following paragraph: In circumstances where a countryside location is considered acceptable, such proposals will be assessed on their merits and will be subject to the following sequential test: a) Land adjacent to an existing settlement limit, subject to amenity and environmental considerations; b) A site close to a settlement limit which currently contains buildings or where the site is already in a degraded or derelict state and there is an opportunity to improve the environment;	Original Draft HRA: I - Screened In Re-screening with FC: I - Screened In	The proposed insertion is for clarification purposes and result in no impact on the implementation of the policy in relation to European sites. Re-screening outcome: further assessment is not required and the conclusions of the Draft HRA are unaffected.

		c) An undeveloped site in close proximity to a settlement where the development could be visually integrated into the landscape.		
FC7	RET4 – Retail Development Outside City and Town Centres	Planning permission may be granted outside city and town centres, but within the settlement limit, for a ~~small scale~~ convenience shop of an appropriate scale, ~~which does not exceed 200 square metres gross external area,~~ where it can be demonstrated that: a) It meets a defined local need which cannot be met within an existing centre; and It will not adversely affect the vitality and viability of existing centres within its catchment.	Original Draft HRA: I - Screened In Re-screening with FC: I - Screened In	The proposed deletions and insertion are for clarification purposes and result in no impact on the implementation of the policy in relation to European sites. Re-screening outcome: further assessment is not required and the conclusions of the Draft HRA are unaffected.
	RET4 – Retail Development Outside City and Town Centres	Within the settlement limit, p~~P~~roposals for a convenience ~~retail facility~~ shop of an appropriate scale at a roadside service facility ~~which exceed 200 square metres gross external area~~ may be permitted where they meet the above requirements and can demonstrate no significant detrimental impact on existing centres. In accordance with Policy RET3, applications may require ~~through~~ the submission of a Retail Impact Assessment or Assessment of Need.	Original Draft HRA: I - Screened In Re-screening with FC: I - Screened In	The proposed deletions and insertion are for clarification purposes and result in no impact on the implementation of the policy in relation to European sites. Re-screening outcome: further assessment is not required and the conclusions of the Draft HRA are unaffected.

FC8	RET7 – Retail Development in the Countryside	Proposals for such facilities should ~~normally~~ be located within existing buildings.	Original Draft HRA: I - Screened In Re-screening with FC: I - Screened In	The proposed deletions are for clarification purposes and result in no impact on the implementation of the policy in relation to European sites. Re-screening outcome: further assessment is not required and the conclusions of the Draft HRA are unaffected.
FC9	TOU3 – Hotels, Guest Houses, B&Bs, Tourist Hostels and Bunkhouses in the Countryside	A proposal for a new hotel in the countryside must demonstrate an ~~substantial~~ exceptional benefit to tourism as well as sustainable benefits to the locality.	Original Draft HRA: I - Screened In Re-screening with FC: I - Screened In	The proposed deletions and insertion are for clarification purposes and result in no impact on the implementation of the policy in relation to European sites. Re-screening outcome: further assessment is not required and the conclusions of the Draft HRA are unaffected.
FC10	MIN2	Subject to Policy MIN1, a proposal for mineral development within a designated Area of Constraint on Mineral Development (other than those considered valuable) may be granted planning permission when ~~either~~ any of the following exceptional circumstances apply: a) For minor expansion of an existing mineral working; or b) Where the mineral is of limited occurrence in Northern Ireland and there is no reasonable alternative source outside the Area of Constraint on Mineral Development; or c) The proposed operations are short-term and the environmental and amenity implications are not significant.	Original Draft HRA: I - Screened In Re-screening with FC: I - Screened In	The proposed deletions and insertion are for clarification purposes and result in no impact on the implementation of the policy in relation to European sites. Re-screening outcome: further assessment is not required and the conclusions of the Draft HRA are unaffected.

FC11	TCU1 – Control of Telecommunications Development	Third paragraph of policy change 'considered' to 'permitted' and insert new paragraph as follows: Proposals for telecommunications development will not normally be ~~considered~~ permitted in Special Countryside Areas (SCA). However, where they are submitted, they will be required to meet the provisions of Policy LA1. Proposals for telecommunications development should also avoid flood prone areas and consider alternative sites first. Where considered necessary for operational reasons, proposals within flood plains will be required to meet the provisions of Policy FRD1.	Original Draft HRA: I - Screened In Re-screening with FC: I - Screened In	The proposed deletions and insertion are for clarification purposes and result in no impact on the implementation of the policy in relation to European sites. Re-screening outcome: further assessment is not required and the conclusions of the Draft HRA are unaffected.
FC12	WM2 – Waste Collection and Treatment Facilities	Insert additional bullet point at end of criteria b in policy as follows: - The proposal avoids (as far as is practicable) the permanent loss of the best and most versatile agricultural land.	Original Draft HRA: I - Screened In Re-screening with FC: I - Screened In	Re-screening outcome: further assessment is not required and the conclusions of the Draft HRA are unaffected.
FC13	RE1 – Renewable and Low Carbon Energy	For ~~all~~ wind ~~turbines~~ farm development (comprising more than two turbines) separation distances will be assessed on a case-by-case basis with a minimum separation distance to occupied property ~~of 10 times rotor diameter to any sensitive receptor, with a minimum distance of~~ not less than 500m, ~~for~~	Original Draft HRA: I - Screened In Re-screening with FC: I - Screened In	The proposed deletions and insertion are for clarification purposes and result in no impact on the implementation of the policy in relation to European sites.

		~~wind farms (defined as two or more turbines) will~~ generally applying. A case-by-case approach will apply to all other wind turbine development.		Re-screening outcome: further assessment is not required and the conclusions of the Draft HRA are unaffected.

Appendix 2: Minor change to the Draft HRA identified in response to representation received

Location in Draft HRA		Summary of Proposed Minor Change	Comment
Page 6	Water Supply	Any development which intends to use a non-mains supply and its intended usage would abstract over 10m3/day then it will require further consultation with the NIEA Abstractions and Licencing Team as an abstraction and impoundment licence may be required. NIW are the sole provider for mains water across Northern Ireland, the activities of NIW are regulated by DWI. It is the responsibility of NI Water to ensure that a safe supply of drinking water for the population is maintained.	The minor change is a factual correction which is immaterial to the HRA conclusions. It is therefore not necessary or proportionate to update the HRA prior to Independent Examination to implement this change. This change will be incorporated when the Draft HRA is updated and finalised.