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Basements

Screening Assessment

Partial Review of the Core Strategy

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THE ROYAL BOROUGH OF
KENSINGTON
AND CHELSEA

REVIEW OF THE CORE STRATEGY SCREENING ASSESSMENT

Title of Plan: Core Strategy Review

Location of Plan: The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea (Please see attached plan showing relationship to the international designation)

International Nature Conservation Site: Richmond Park and Wimbledon Common

Description of Plan: The Core Strategy is the plan to guide development in the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea up to the year 2028. Various parts of the Core Strategy are being reviewed over time. This screening assessment relates to the review of the Core Strategy policy on basement development.

The policies of the above plan have been assessed to find out if they would affect the European sites. The following table shows the results of the assessment. The characteristics of the sites are shown after the policy assessment table.

Basement Publication Planning Policy				
POLICY NO.	POLICY	WHY POLICY WILL HAVE NO IMPACT ON NATURA 2000 SITES	LIKELY TO HAVE AN IMPACT	ESSENTIAL RECOMMENDATIONS TO AVOID POTENTIAL NEGATIVE EFFECTS ON EUROPEAN SITES
CL 7	Basements	The policy is intended to control the impact of basement development within this borough. These measures will not be likely to have any effect on a European Site.	NO	None

Sites:

Site name	Designation and code	Reason for designation	Condition and threats	Comments
Richmond Park	(SAC) UK0030246	Richmond Park has a large number of ancient trees with decaying timber. It is at the heart of the south London centre of distribution for stag beetle <i>Lucanus cervus</i> (for which this is one of only four known outstanding localities in the United Kingdom), and is a site of national importance for the conservation of the fauna of invertebrates associated with the decaying timber of ancient trees.	The site is surrounded by urban area and therefore experiences high levels of recreational pressure. The whole site has been declared a NNR.	
Wimbledon Common	(SAC) UK0030301	Wimbledon Common has a large number of old trees and much fallen decaying timber. It is at the heart of the south London centre of distribution for stag beetle <i>Lucanus cervus</i> , and a relatively large number of records were received from this site during a recent nationwide survey for the species (Percy <i>et al.</i> 2000). The site supports a number of other scarce invertebrate species associated with decaying timber.	The site is located in an urban area and therefore experiences heavy recreational pressure.	The area supports a significant presence of following habitats: - Northern Atlantic wet heaths with <i>Erica tetralix</i> . - European dry heaths These habitats are present as a qualifying feature, but they are not a primary reason for selection of this site.

After the assessment of the policy, we conclude that they are not likely to affect the mentioned sites.

HABITATS ASSESSMENT SITES

