

Policy SH3 Strategic Housing Allocation - North Whiteley	C2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Solent and Southampton SPA/ Ramsar ■ Solent Maritime SAC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Reduced water quality ■ Increased disturbance <p>The strategic site boundary is less than 100m from the Solent and Southampton SPA/ Ramsar. The current condition status for the SPA is unfavourable due to inappropriate habitat loss (inappropriate coastal management), inappropriate water levels and reduced water quality. The current condition status of the Ramsar is not known. The Strategic Site intersects the Shedfield and Curbridge Streams, which flow into the Solent and Southampton Water SPA/ Ramsar. The current ecological conditions of the streams are Poor (Shedfield) and Moderate (Curbridge). The ecological and chemical status of the Southampton water estuary is moderate and this is not predicted to improve by 2015¹.</p> <p>There is potential for new development at this location to increase levels of water abstraction and change drainage (surface and groundwater) patterns in the area, which could potentially have significant effects on water levels and quality in the Shedfield and Curbridge Streams, which flow into the SPA/ Ramsar site. New development would also put increased pressure on sewerage system capacity, which has the potential to reduce water quality in the streams.</p> <p>There is also the potential for development at this site to increase recreational activity on the SPA/ Ramsar,</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">No</p> <p>Suitable open space/recreation areas would need to be provided within the Strategic Site to try and mitigate the potential increase in recreational activity.</p> <p>Development that would obstruct or reduce the flow of water in either Shedfield or Curbridge Streams should be avoided.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Yes</p> <p>Further detailed assessment is required to assess the potential for likely significant effects.</p>
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¹ Environment Agency (2008) A Consultation on the Draft River Basin Management Plan South East River Basin District. Annex A: Current state of waters. Available online: <http://wfdconsultation.environment-agency.gov.uk/wfdcms/en/southeast/Intro.aspx>

			therefore increasing levels of disturbance to the protected habitats and species. Development on this site would also have the potential to act in-combination with proposed development at Hedge End Strategic Site.		
	D2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Chichester & Langstone Harbours SPA/ Ramsar ■ New Forest SAC/ SPA/ Ramsar ■ Portsmouth Harbour SPA/ Ramsar ■ River Itchen SAC ■ Solent & Isle of Wight Lagoons SAC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Reduced water levels and quality ■ Increased Disturbance <p>See above (Policy WT2) for potential in-combination effects.</p>	<p>No</p> <p>Combined effect with other plans and programmes.</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Further detailed assessment is required to assess the potential for likely significant in-combination effects.</p>