

**Addendum**  
**Statement of Common Ground**  
**Dover District Council and Natural England**

## 1. Overview

1.1 This is an Addendum to the Statement of Common Ground between Dover District Council and Natural England (ED8) signed and dated 29<sup>th</sup> June 2023. This Addendum updates Paragraph 3.3 and Table 2 (row starting 'Air Pollution') only.

1.2 This Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) reflects the jointly agreed position between the parties, Dover District Council (DDC) and Natural England (NE), in relation to the Dover District Local Plan (DDLPL) in respect of the issue of Ammonia, and the resulting necessary update to the Habitats Regulations Assessment.

1.3 The purpose of this SoCG is to demonstrate how DDC and NE have been working together to identify and address outstanding matters. Further information is available in response to MIQ Matter 1, Issue 7, Question 9.

## 2. Agreed position

2.1 This is an update to paragraph 3.3 and table 2 (row starting 'Air Pollution') of the Statement of Common Ground between DDC and NE dated 29<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

2.2 It has been agreed that further assessment work will be carried out in relation to the potential impact of Ammonia on European sites from road traffic, as set out in the table below. This will require a further update to the HRA. Discussions have been ongoing with Natural England and both parties are confident that a methodology to complete the assessment has been agreed. This is set out in the table below:



<b>Habitats Regulations Assessment Representations (SHRA1*)</b>			
<b>Issue/ Section</b>	<b>Related Local Plan Policies</b>	<b>Summary of NE comments made in SHRA17</b>	<b>Latest Agreed position</b>
Air Pollution	N/A	We would be happy to discuss the potential air quality impacts from increased ammonia further with your Authority to agree a pragmatic way forward.	NE and DDC are working together to complete the assessment of traffic-generated ammonia impacts on European sites as part of the HRA process. This issue is taking longer to resolve than initially anticipated, but it is the view of both parties that it is clear what further work is required. NE and DDC have been working well together.  Agreed next steps: 1. Completion of Air Quality assessment and HRA update

			<p>2. NE to review outputs and provide feedback.</p> <p>3. DDC and NE to agree a progress update by the 12<sup>th</sup> December 2023</p>
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### 3. Conclusions

4.1 DDC will keep the Inspectors' up to date on progress and will (should the Inspectors' consider it appropriate) update the Examination at the Natural Environment Session on the 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

### 4. Signatories

<p><b>Signed on behalf of Dover District Council</b></p>  <p><b>Sarah Platts</b> Head of Planning and Development</p> <p>Date: 9<sup>th</sup> November 2023</p>	<p><b>Signed on behalf of Natural England</b></p>  <p><b>Heather Twizell</b> Senior Advisor – Sustainable Development</p> <p>Date: 9<sup>th</sup> November 2023</p>
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