

Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004.

Water in Buxton Supplementary Planning Document: Strategic Environmental Assessment Determination Statement

The Water in Buxton Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) was adopted by High Peak Borough Council on the 9th December 2021.

The SPD seeks to provide additional guidance in support of policies in the adopted High Peak Local Plan 2016 which aim to protect the quality and quantity of water sources in the Buxton area and to minimise phosphate levels in the River Wye and the Peak District Dales Special Area of Conservation (SAC).

This screening report considered whether the Water in Buxton SPD should be subject to a SEA under the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004.

Based on the screening process, the report considered that the SPD did not require an SEA. This is because no significant environmental, social or economic effects arising from its implementation have been identified, as it seeks only to expand upon and provide guidance for the effective and consistent implementation of Local Plan policies.

Consultation on the screening report was subject to consultation with the SEA bodies. None have contested its conclusions.

For the reasons above, it is determined that an SEA is not required.

The Water in Buxton SPD, Consultation Statement, Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening Report and this statement are available to view on the Council's website: www.highpeak.gov.uk