

The District Council reviewed the HRA Screening Opinion for the Malvern Town Neighbourhood Plan in light of the judgement of the Court of Justice ruling in the case of 'People over Wind, Peter Sweetman v Coillte Teoranta' and the Court of Justice (Second Chamber) ruling in the case of Grace, Sweetman, and National Planning Appeals Board Ireland.

There are no internationally designated wildlife sites located within the Malvern Town Neighbourhood Area. For the purposes of the HRA screening assessment, internationally designated wildlife sites that fall within 20km were considered. There are two sites identified within this range – Lyppard Grange Ponds SAC and Bredon Hill SAC which are approximately 11km north-east and 15km south-east of the Malvern Town Neighbourhood Area respectively.

The HRA screening assessment does not seek to take account of any measures intended to reduce or avoid any harmful effects of the Plan on any European site due to the fact that the Neighbourhood Plan does not propose any development sites and the distance of the Neighbourhood Area from internationally designated wildlife sites.

In light of the above, the District Council consider that the HRA Screening Opinion for the Draft Malvern Town Neighbourhood Plan remains valid.