

**Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) Record
Norfolk Green Infrastructure and Recreational
Impact Avoidance Mitigation Strategy (GIRAMS)**



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Application Details:

Application Reference	PF/22/0771		
Application Description	Change of use to riding arena & equestrian grazing		
Application Address	Brooklands, School Lane, Skeyton, Norwich, Norfolk, NR10 5BA,		
Planning Officer	Bruno Fraga Da Costa		
Grid reference	E 624192	N	326645

Zone of Influence – The application is within the following ZOI:

Breckland Sites (ZOI – 26km)	
Broads Sites (ZOI – 25km)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GIRAMS: Broadland Special Protection Area (SPA) Zone of Influence • GIRAMS: Broadland Special Area of Conservation (SAC) Zone of Influence • GIRAMS: Broadland RAMSAR Zone of Influence
East Coast Sites (ZOI – 30km)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GIRAMS: Winterton-Horsey Dunes Special Area of Conservation (SAC) Zone of Influence • GIRAMS: Breydon Water Special Protection Area (SPA) Zone of Influence • GIRAMS: Great Yarmouth North Denes Special Protection Area (SPA) Zone of Influence
North Coast Sites (ZOI - 42km)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GIRAMS: North Norfolk Coast RAMSAR Zone of Influence • GIRAMS: North Norfolk Coast Special Area of Conservation (SAC) Zone of Influence • GIRAMS: North Norfolk Coast Special Protection Area (SPA) Zone of Influence
North Valley Fens (ZOI – 15km)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GIRAMS: Norfolk Valley Fens Special Area of Conservation (SAC) Zone of Influence
The Wash (ZOI – 61km)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GIRAMS: The Wash RAMSAR Zone of Influence • GIRAMS: The Wash Special Protection Area (SPA) Zone of Influence • GIRAMS: The Wash & North Norfolk Coast Special Area of Conservation (SAC) Zone of Influence

Start HRA Stage 1 (test of Likely Significant Effect) on the next page:

HRA STAGE 1: Screening Assessment

<p>Test 1 – the significance test: Based on the development type and proximity to European Sites, a judgement should be made as to whether the development constitutes a 'likely significant effect' (LSE) to a European Site in terms of increased recreational disturbance.</p>		
<p>The development is within one or more of the Zones of Influence (ZOI) for the Norfolk GIRAMS as identified above and should be considered under the scope of the Norfolk Green Infrastructure and Recreational Impact Avoidance Mitigation Strategy (GIRAMS).</p>		
<p>Does the planning application fall within the following development types?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New dwellings of 1+ units (excludes replacement dwellings and extensions) • Houses in Multiple Occupancy (HMOs) • Student accommodation • Residential care homes and residential institutions (excludes nursing homes) • New tourism accommodation including hotels, guesthouses, residential moorings, holiday caravans and lodges, touring pitches, shepherds huts and campsites/'glampsites' • Gypsies, travellers and travelling show people plots 		
YES ↓	NO ↓	
<p>Conclude Likely Significant Effect (LSE)</p> <p>The application is within the scope of the Norfolk Green Infrastructure and Recreational Impact Avoidance Mitigation Strategy (GIRAMS) as it falls within the 'zone of influence' for likely impacts and is a relevant development type as listed above. It is anticipated that such development in this area is 'likely to have a significant effect' upon the interest features of the aforementioned European Site(s) through increased recreational pressure, when considered either alone or in combination.</p> <p>Proceed to HRA Stage 2: Appropriate Assessment to assess recreational disturbance impacts on the European Site(s)</p>	<p>The planning application is outside the scope of the Norfolk Green Infrastructure and Recreational Impact Avoidance Mitigation Strategy (GIRAMS)*</p> <p>*This does not imply that no other LSEs may result to European Site(s) as a consequence of the planning application. The potential for such effects should be considered and documented separately.</p>	
		Y/N
Conclusion	<p>Likely Significant Effect (LSE): Proceed to HRA Stage 2 (Appropriate Assessment)</p>	
	<p>The planning application is outside the scope of the Norfolk Green Infrastructure and Recreational Impact Avoidance Mitigation Strategy (GIRAMS) and a contribution to strategic mitigation measures is not required.</p>	Yes
Date	14.04.22	
Officer Signature	R.Stock	

HRA Stage 2 (Appropriate Assessment) on the next page:

Test 2 - the integrity test:

The applicant must provide sufficient evidence to allow the Appropriate Assessment to be made, which is the stage at which avoidance and/or mitigation measures can be considered

Is the proposal for 50 dwellings (or equivalent) or more?		
YES ↓	NO ↓	
<p>A proportionate financial contribution* should be secured in line with the Norfolk Green Infrastructure and Recreational Impact Avoidance Mitigation Strategy (GIRAMS) requirements.</p> <p>In addition, Natural England and the GIRAMS recommends that large developments include green space that is proportionate to its scale to minimise any predicted increase in recreational pressure to European Sites, by containing the majority of recreation within and around the development site. This is called Enhanced Green Infrastructure (EGI).</p> <p>Annex I provides Natural England’s suggested scope of the EGI mitigation requirements for development of this scale. Where is has not already been provided, seek the necessary information from the developer in line with the advice provided in Annex I.</p> <p>Consult Natural England on this Appropriate Assessment for advice on the proposed and/or required mitigation before reaching a decision on adverse effects on the integrity of European Sites from recreational disturbance, both alone and in combination.</p> <p>Record the recreational disturbance mitigation package, incorporating EGI, in the Part 2 ‘Summary’ Section below, when complete.</p>	<p>Is the proposal within or in close proximity* to one of the European Site(s) identified above?</p> <p><i>* i.e. with direct footpath links or accessible</i></p>	
	<p style="text-align: center;">YES ↓</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">NO ↓</p>
<p>Consult Natural England on this Appropriate Assessment for advice on the proposed and/or required mitigation before reaching a decision on adverse effects on the integrity of European Sites from recreational disturbance, both alone and in combination.</p> <p>Record the recreational disturbance mitigation package, incorporating EGI, in the Part 2 ‘Summary’ Section below, when complete.</p>	<p>A proportionate financial contribution* should be secured in line with the Norfolk Green Infrastructure and Recreational Impact Avoidance Mitigation Strategy (GIRAMS) requirements as well as strategic green infrastructure (see Annex I)</p> <p>Consult Natural England on this Appropriate Assessment for advice on the proposed/require mitigation before reaching a decision on adverse effects on the integrity of European Sites.</p> <p>Record evidence that these mitigation measures have been secured in the Part 2 ‘Summary’ section below.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(B)</p>	<p>A proportionate financial contribution* should be secured in line with the Norfolk Green Infrastructure and Recreational Impact Avoidance Mitigation Strategy (GIRAMS) requirements.</p> <p>Provided this mitigation is secured, it can be concluded that this planning application will not have an adverse effect on the integrity of the above European Sites from recreational disturbance, when considered ‘in combination’ with other development.</p> <p>Natural England does not need to be consulted on this Appropriate Assessment and no need to complete Part 2 (summary).</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(A)</p>

Conclusion		Y/N
(A)	Subject to securing the GIRAMS financial contribution*, the planning application will not have an adverse effect on the integrity of the European Sites identified above from recreational disturbance, when considered 'in combination' with other development	
	Expected financial contribution* required for GIRAMS (£)	£
(B)	Consult Natural England on this Appropriate Assessment for advice on the proposed/required mitigation before reaching a decision on adverse effects on the integrity of European Sites. Record the recreational disturbance mitigation package in the 'Summary' Section below.	
Date		
Officer Signature		

Part 2

Summary of the Appropriate Assessment carried out by North Norfolk District Council as the competent authority in liaison with Natural England (if required)

Expected financial contribution required for GIRAMS (£)					
Enhanced Green Infrastructure required?	YES			NO	
Date of Natural England's Response (if required)					
Summary of Natural England's recommendations (where applicable)					
Summary of recreational disturbance mitigation package incorporating EGI (where applicable)					
Officer comments:					
Conclusion:					
<p>Having considered the proposed avoidance and mitigation measures above, North Norfolk District Council conclude that, with mitigation, the project will not have an adverse effect on the integrity of the above identified European Sites from recreational disturbance, when considered alone or 'in combination' with other development.</p> <p>Having made this appropriate assessment of the implications of the plan or project for the site(s) in view of that (those) conservation objectives, and having consulted Natural England and fully considered any representation received (where necessary), the authority may now agree to the plan or project under Regulation 63 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended).</p>					
Date					
Officer Signature					

Monitoring Information					
	No.	GIRAMs contribution (£)	S111 secured (Y/N)	S106 secured (Y/N)	Other (e.g. UU)
No. of new dwellings or equivalent					

