

3 EIA Methodology

Preface

The general EIA methodology has not altered since the 2023 ES was prepared. A new Scoping Opinion for the revised proposals was not sought as it was considered that scope of the 2023 ES (i.e. the topics that were included) remains valid.

Planning policy and guidance has been updated in this section as appropriate.

The list of cumulative schemes has been reviewed, and an updated list is included in Table 3.3. This includes three new schemes (no's 4, 5 and 6).

The following new appendix are provided:

- **Appendix 3.5: 2023 Arup Interim Review Response and Applicant Response –** This document responds to the comments made in relation to the 2023 ES in the HWSFAC Initial Review Report ('IRR') prepared by the environmental consultants Arup on behalf of LBH (dated 19 December 2023). The IRR provided an independent review of the 2023 ES which accompanied the submitted planning application for the HWSFAC (Application Ref: 2382/APP/2023/2906).

3.1 Introduction

- 3.1.1 This chapter sets out the scope and methodology adopted in the EIA process. It explains how the scope of the EIA was defined, the baseline assumptions, methods used to assess the environmental effects, and the general criteria used to evaluate their significance. The methodology applied to each of the technical impacts is set out in each technical chapter.
- 3.1.2 This chapter is accompanied by the following Appendices:
- Appendix 3.1: Location of Specified Information in the ES;
 - Appendix 3.2: EIA Scoping Report (February 2023);
 - Appendix 3.3: LBH EIA Scoping Opinion;
 - Appendix 3.4: Addendum to EIA Scoping Report - HWSFAC Addendum Note (April 2023); and
 - Appendix 3.5: 2023 Arup Interim Review Response and Applicant Response .

3.2 Regulatory Requirements and Good Practice

- 3.2.1 This ES was prepared to comply with the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017¹ (as amended)² ('EIA Regulations'). The information required for inclusion in an ES is defined by Regulation 18(3)/(4)/(5) and Schedule 4 of the EIA Regulations. Appendix 3.1 sets out these information requirements together with their location within the ES.

3.2.2 Good practice guidance documents were also considered when undertaking this EIA including:

- Planning Practice Guidance ('PPG') – Environmental Impact Assessment³;
- Guidelines for Environmental Impact Assessment: Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment ('IEMA')⁴;
- Special Report: The State of Environmental Impact Assessment Practice in the UK (IEMA)⁵;
- IEMA Guidance: Implementing the Mitigation Hierarchy from Concept to Construction⁶; and
- Topic specific guidance referred to in each technical chapter of this ES where appropriate.

3.2.3 Each technical assessment followed respective national and local planning policy and guidance as appropriate to their discipline.

3.2.4 The following list outlines the key legislative and policy documents which were consulted during the EIA process:

- National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) (updated February 2025)⁷;
- National Planning Policy Guidance (PPG);
- The London Plan (March 2021)⁸;
- London Borough of Hillingdon Local Plan Part 1 – Strategic policies (Adopted November 2012); and
- London Borough of Hillingdon Local Plan Part 2 – Development Management Policies and Site Allocations and Designations (Adopted January 2020).

3.3 Design and EIA Interface

3.3.1 The design was informed by a Project Brief which was provided by the Applicant and the EIA process which was undertaken in parallel with the design process. Baseline studies and consultation with stakeholders identified key features and environmental sensitivities which informed the development of the proposals. An iterative approach was taken to assessments with initial testing and analysis used to identify measures to avoid, mitigate or compensate adverse environmental effects. All specialists worked closely with the project design team to develop proposals. The EIA process was also used to identify potential embedded mitigation and enhancement opportunities.

3.3.2 Further iteration has taken place since the planning submission in November 2023 following engagement with stakeholders including the Environment Agency and Natural England.

3.3.3 Further information on how environmental issues and consultation with stakeholders influenced the proposals is provided in Chapter 4: Alternatives.

3.4 Scope of the EIA

- 3.4.1 The EIA Regulations require the ES to consider only the *'likely significant environmental effects'* of a development. Planning Practice Guidance highlights the expectation that the ES should remain *'proportionate'* and focus on the *'main'* or *'significant'* environmental effects only.
- 3.4.2 A request for an EIA Scoping Opinion was submitted under the EIA Regulations by the Applicant to LBH on 23 February 2023 (Ref: 2382/APP/2023/525). An EIA Scoping Report ('Scoping Report') accompanied the request and set out the topics that would be included in the ES and the proposed approach to the assessment. The Scoping Report also provided justification for 'scoping out' certain topics from the EIA, because the proposals would have either no influence on these environmental aspects or it is unlikely to result in significant effects. The Scoping Report is provided as Appendix 3.2.
- 3.4.3 Prior to issuing their Scoping Opinion, LBH and their advisors (Arup) requested some additional information including:
- More detail on the proposed dredging, creation of additional land / islands and the floating island to ensure the 'project' is appropriately defined.
 - More information to justify impacts associated with the topic of materials (in light of the proposed dredging) are not significant, with reference to the IEMA guidance 'Materials and Waste in Environmental Impact Assessment, 2020' IEMA - Materials and Waste in Environmental Impact Assessment - March 2020.
 - Further consideration of socio-economic and health effects.
 - Clarity on how HS2 will be considered within the various assessment scenarios and future baseline.
 - Clarity on the level of detail expected to be provided within the CEMP and whether an outline CEMP will be provided.
 - Clarity on how climate change and greenhouse emissions have been considered and why significant are not considered likely.
 - Further information to scope out potential impacts on archaeology, particularly in areas where there are potential peat deposits. It may be there is existing borehole information available within the HS2 assessment work that could be reviewed to demonstrate the likely impacts.
- 3.4.4 Further information was provided by the Applicant to LBH who accepted the responses. This is included at Appendix 3.4.
- 3.4.5 Following a consultation period with consultation bodies, LBH adopted a Scoping Opinion on 19 May 2023 (Ref: 2382/APP/2023/525) which is provided in Appendix 3.3. The Scoping Opinion sets out LBH's view on extent of issues to be considered in the assessment and reported in the ES. The Scoping Opinion included responses from their advisors (Arup) other consultation responses, both of which are included as appendices to the Scoping Opinion.

- 3.4.6 The Scoping Opinion confirms that LBH agreed that the topics to be included in the ES should be as follows:
- Biodiversity (Chapter 7);
 - Water Environment and Flood Risk (Chapter 8);
 - Ground Conditions and Contamination (Chapter 9); and
 - Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment (Chapter 10).
- 3.4.7 Under regulation 18(4)(a) of the EIA Regulations, the ES is required to be *“based on the most recent scoping opinion.... (so far as the Proposed Development remains materially the same as the Proposed Development which was subject to that opinion or direction)”*. Each technical chapter (Chapters 7-10) sets out how the issues in the Scoping Opinion have been responded to in the ES, under a section titled ‘Consultation’.
- 3.4.8 The Scoping Opinion confirmed it would be reasonable for the following topics to be scoped out of the ES, having regard to the further information provided by the Applicant in Appendix 3.3:
- Socio-Economics;
 - Cultural Heritage;
 - Agricultural Land & Soil Resources;
 - Transport and Access;
 - Noise and Vibration;
 - Air Quality;
 - Climate Change and Greenhouse Gases;
 - Wind Microclimate;
 - Vulnerability to Major Accidents and Disasters;
 - Energy and Sustainability;
 - Utilities;
 - Light Pollution;
 - Daylight, Sunlight, Overshadowing and Solar Glare;
 - Telecommunications;
 - Aviation; and
 - Electromagnetic Fields.
- 3.4.9 Where appropriate, Chapter 7: Biodiversity considers the potential for indirect effects on ecological receptors associated with air quality and noise and vibration.
- 3.4.10 It is recognised that a number of changes to the Proposed Development have been made since the EIA Scoping Report was prepared. However, these changes do not affect the scope of the EIA (as agreed by the EIA Scoping Opinion) which remains valid when considering the changes to the Proposed Development since November 2023.

3.5 Consultation

- 3.5.1 LBH consulted with statutory bodies before adopting their Scoping Opinion on the proposed scope and approach of the EIA that was provided in the Scoping Report. Responses to the Scoping Report from consultation bodies are included in Appendix 3.3.
- 3.5.2 A summary of the matters raised in the Scoping Opinion during scoping and in response to the 2023 ES and how these have been addressed in the ES are set out in the 'Assessment Methodology - Consultation' section of each technical chapter.
- 3.5.3 Statutory consultees and other key stakeholders were consulted during the EIA and design process. Meetings were held with LBH (various departments), Greater London Authority (GLA), Natural England, Environment Agency, HS2, the Canal and River Trust, the Colne Valley Regional Park, Hertfordshire and Middlesex Wildlife Trust and Affinity Water. Following submission of the planning application in 2023, a series of additional meetings were held with LBH, Natural England, Environment Agency and other stakeholders which helped inform the revised proposals and the updated ES.
- 3.5.4 A public exhibition was held with local residents and stakeholders on 23 February 2023 to present initial proposals for the Site and to hear their feedback and aspirations. A summary of the pre-application consultation events is provided in a Statement of Community Involvement, which accompanies the planning application.
- 3.5.5 The 2023 ES was subject to an independent review undertaken by Arup on behalf of LBH in December 2023. Appendix 3.5: 2023 Arup Interim Review Response and Applicant Response responds to the comments made in relation to the 2023 ES in the HWSFAC Initial Review Report ('IRR'). The IRR provided an independent review of the 2023 ES which accompanied the submitted planning application for the HWSFAC (Application Ref: 2382/APP/2023/2906).

3.6 Defining the Baseline

Study Area

- 3.6.1 The study area for each topic is based on the geographical scope of the potential impacts relevant to the topic or the information required to assess the likely significant effects, as well as topic specific guidance and consultation with stakeholders. This is defined in each technical ES chapter as the study area varies from topic to topic and between the construction and operational phases in some cases.

Baseline Conditions and Future Baseline

Existing Baseline

- 3.6.2 Baseline environmental conditions have been established so that changes and potentially significant effects as a result of the Proposed Development can be understood. Baseline studies have also informed the development of appropriate mitigation strategies to avoid or minimise significant effects and enhance beneficial effects.

- 3.6.3 Baseline information was gathered by the EIA team through a range of Site visits and surveys, analysis, and desk-based research, to define the existing environmental characteristics and receptors relevant to each environmental topic. The majority of existing baseline information was collected over 2022 through to Summer 2025 and assessments are based on the Site in its current condition. 2025 is therefore taken as the existing baseline assessment year unless otherwise stated. The ES clearly sets out sources of baseline data and any uncertainty or limitations.
- 3.6.4 Baseline conditions for the EIA are taken as the current conditions on the Site and its existing uses. Existing uses at the Site include sailing (Broadwater Sailing Club), fishing and unauthorised uses. The nature, duration, frequency and extent of these uses is described further in Chapter 2: Site and Setting.

Future Baseline

- 3.6.5 The EIA Regulations requires the ES to include a description of the future baseline, i.e. the baseline conditions without implementation of the Proposed Development as far as natural changes from the baseline scenario can be assessed with reasonable effort on the basis of the availability of environmental information and scientific knowledge. Future baseline conditions are considered under the 'Baseline Conditions' section of each technical chapter. Consideration is also given to the cumulative schemes (as set out in Section 3.8) within each technical chapter and how the future baseline would change as they are brought forward.
- 3.6.6 The main cumulative scheme that will influence the future baseline conditions at the Site is HS2. The Colne Valley Viaduct was completed in 2024. The first HS2 services are expected to run between Birmingham Curzon Street and Old Oak Common in London in the 2030's. Figure 2.6 in Chapter 2: Site and Setting and Appendix 2.3 provides an overview of the proposed HS2 scheme in this location.

Sensitive Receptors

- 3.6.7 As part of the EIA process, the environmental effects of a given development or scheme are typically assessed in relation to sensitive receptors, including human beings (e.g. future site users), built resources (e.g. buildings) and natural resources (e.g. controlled waters). The criteria used for identifying potentially sensitive receptors include:
- Proximity to the Site;
 - Presence or absence of impact pathways;
 - Extent and duration of potential exposure to environmental impacts; and
 - Vulnerability and ability to respond to change.
- 3.6.8 Further details on sensitive receptors are provided in the baseline assessment section of the technical chapters of the ES (i.e. Chapters 7-10). The chapters consider both existing and future sensitive receptors, on-site and off-site. A summary of the receptors and their sensitivity is provided in each technical chapter.

3.7 Assessment of Effects

Construction

- 3.7.1 The timing of enabling and construction works has been designed to minimise disturbance to wintering birds. The construction period would indicatively be up to 29 months.
- 3.7.2 Each technical assessment in the ES has assumed a reasonable worst-case scenario with respect to the envisaged construction timing, duration, methods, location (proximity to sensitive receptors) as outlined in Chapter 6: Construction. These assumptions vary between the topic specific assessments, and therefore each assessment has adopted reasonable worst-case assumptions for any given set of receptors which are relevant to the discipline.
- 3.7.3 The key activities, programme and methods likely to be used during the construction phase which informed the technical assessments of the ES are described in Chapter 6: Construction. The ES is also accompanied by the following key documents which have informed the construction stage assessments:
- Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) (Appendix 6.1) – sets out site-specific measures to control and monitor impacts arising in relation construction traffic, noise and vibration, dust and air pollutants, land contamination, ecology and groundwater;
 - Construction Logistics Plan – includes a framework for managing and mitigating construction vehicle activity into and out of the Proposed Development (Annex to Appendix 6.1); and
 - Construction phasing drawings provided as an appendix to Chapter 6: Construction (Appendix 6.2).
- 3.7.4 The Outline CEMP will form part of Employer's Requirements. Once appointed, the Principal Contractor will be responsible for preparing detailed CEMP(s) and CMSs(s) which are specific to the works and processes that are to be employed during all enabling, demolition and construction activities. The detailed CEMP(s) and CMS(s) would be agreed with LBH and other key stakeholders including Natural England and the Environment Agency as appropriate.
- 3.7.5 In judging the significance of effects, topic assessments assume that the documents listed above are inherent to the Proposed Development as 'primary' and 'tertiary' mitigation. This approach is in line with IEMA good practice⁵.

Completed Development

- 3.7.6 The assessment of the completed Proposed Development considers the permanent effects that could arise as a result of the operational use of the HWSFAC. This assumes that the Proposed Development is fully operational.
- 3.7.7 The Proposed Development is assumed to be completed and operational in 2028 and therefore this is taken as the year of assessment. This year may be subject to change;

however, this would not materially alter the ES findings related to the assessment of likely significant effects or mitigation.

- 3.7.8 The assessment of the Proposed Development is based on the detailed planning drawings, (a selection of which is provided in Appendix 5.1) and Chapter 5: Description of the Development.
- 3.7.9 A series of reasonable worst-case assumptions have been made about the nature and timing of the future users of the Proposed Development and how they would use the Site. These assumptions are set out in Chapter 5: Description of the Development, titled 'Operational Use'. These operational use assumptions would be secured through the Outline Operational Management Plan (OMP) which is provided as Appendix 5.3. The OOMP provides a framework of operating procedures and a code of conduct that future users will adhere to in order to achieve the overarching goals of the development.
- 3.7.10 One of the key assumptions is that the facility will only operate for water sports and outdoor activities between 1 April to 31 September and therefore outside of the season which is sensitive for overwintering birds.
- 3.7.11 In relation to the operational management of the Site, the Applicant has committed to its management in perpetuity once they take ownership. The ES is also accompanied an Outline Mitigation and Ecological Management Plan (MEMP) (Appendices 7.4) which sets out the Site-wide ecological design concepts and future monitoring and management regime at the Site.
- 3.7.12 The detailed OMP and MEMP would be developed in accordance with the outline documents and would be agreed with LBH, Natural England and other stakeholders as relevant. The outline versions of the OMP and MEMP are however assumed as embedded mitigation at this stage.

Identifying and Determining the Significance of Environmental Effects

Identifying Impacts and Effects

- 3.7.13 The Proposed Development has the potential to create a range of 'impacts' and 'effects' with regard to the physical, biological and human environment. The definitions of impact and effect used in this assessment are as follows:
- Impact - a change that is caused by an action. For example, excavation works would lead to a removal of underlying soils and lithology (impact). Impacts can be classified as direct, indirect, secondary, cumulative and inter-related. They can be either positive (beneficial) or negative (adverse); and
 - Effect - is used to express the consequence of an impact. For example, removal of soils and lithology (impact) has the potential to disturb underlying buried heritage sensitive receptors (effect).
- 3.7.14 For consistency, the findings of the various studies undertaken as part of the EIA adopt the following terminology to express the nature of the effect:
- Adverse: Detrimental or negative effect to an environmental resource or receptor;

- Negligible: No significant effect to an environmental resource or receptor; and
- Beneficial: Advantageous or positive effect to an environmental resource or receptor.

3.7.15 Following their identification, significant beneficial or adverse effects have been classified on the basis of their nature and duration as follows:

- Temporary: Effects that persist for a limited period only (due, for example, to particular activities taking place for a short period of time);
- Permanent: Effects that result from an irreversible change to the baseline environment (e.g. land-take) or which will persist for the foreseeable future (e.g. noise from regular or continuous operations or activities);
- Direct: Effects that arise from the effect of activities that form an integral part of the scheme (e.g. direct employment and income generation);
- Indirect: Effects that arise from the effect of activities that do not explicitly form part of the scheme (e.g. off-site infrastructure upgrades to accommodate the development);
- Secondary: Effects that arise as a consequence of an initial effect of the scheme (e.g. induced employment elsewhere); and
- Cumulative: Effects that can arise from a combination of different effects at a specific location or the interaction of different effects over different periods of time.

3.7.16 In the context of the Proposed Development, short (6 months to 12 months duration) to medium (up to 48 months duration) term effects are generally determined to be those associated with demolition and construction activities, and the long-term effects are those associated with the completed operational Proposed Development.

3.7.17 The geographical scale is considered as appropriate for each topic and defined in each topic chapter (7 - 10) under the section heading 'Study Area'.

Defining Magnitude of Impact and Sensitivity of Receptor

Magnitude of Impact

3.7.18 For impacts assessed in this ES, a magnitude of impact was assigned, taking into account the spatial extent, duration, frequency and reversibility of the impact, where relevant. Scales of magnitudes of impact were defined in each chapter of this ES where this is possible, otherwise professional judgement was applied to the following scale:

- No change;
- Negligible;
- Low;
- Medium; and
- High.

Sensitivity of Receptor

3.7.19 Sensitive receptors are defined as the physical or biological resources or user groups that would be affected by the potential impacts of Proposed Development. The identification of

sensitive receptors was informed by baseline studies carried out as part of the EIA. The sensitivity of a receptor was based on the relative importance of the receptor, taking into account:

- Legislative / designated status;
- The number of individual receptors;
- The characteristics / rarity; and
- Ability to absorb change.

3.7.20 A summary of sensitive receptors is provided within each baseline assessment sections of the ES topic chapters. Sensitivity was defined within each topic according to the following scale:

- Negligible;
- Low;
- Medium; and
- High.

Evaluation of Significance

3.7.21 The assessment of environmental effects has been undertaken in accordance with definitive standards and legislation where such material is available. In cases where it is not possible to quantify effects, qualitative assessments have been carried out and are based on the available knowledge of the Site and potential effect, alongside professional judgement. Where uncertainty exists, this is detailed in the 'Assumptions and Limitations' under 'Assessment Methodology' in the respective technical chapters.

3.7.22 Each technical chapter provides the specific criteria, including sources and justifications, for quantifying the level of effect significance. Where possible, this has been based upon quantitative and accepted criteria, together with the use of value judgements and expert interpretations to establish to what extent an effect is significant.

3.7.23 There is no statutory definition of what constitutes a significant effect and guidance is of a generic nature. However, it is widely recognised by EIA practitioners that 'significance' reflects the relationship between the magnitude of an impact and the sensitivity (or value) of the affected resource or receptor. Statutory designations and any potential breaches of environmental law take precedence in determining significance because the protection afforded to a particular receptor or resource is already established as a matter of law, rather than requiring a project or site-specific evaluation.

3.7.24 Specific criteria for the assessment of each potential effect gives due regard to the following:

- Extent and magnitude of the effect;
- Effect duration (whether short, medium or long term);
- Nature of effect (whether direct or indirect, reversible or irreversible);
- Performance against environmental quality standards;

- Whether the effect occurs in isolation, is cumulative or interactive;
- Sensitivity of the receptor; and
- Compatibility with environmental policies.

3.7.25 Where adverse or beneficial effects were identified, these were generally assessed against the scale set out in Table 3.1.

Table 3.1: Description of the level of significance of environmental effects

Level of Significance	Description
Major	Large effects (by extent, duration or magnitude) and / or a highly pronounced change in environmental conditions. Effects, both adverse and beneficial, which are likely to be important considerations at a regional level because they contribute to achieving regional or Council wide objectives or could result in exceedance of statutory objectives and / or breaches of legislation.
Moderate	Intermediate effects (by extent, duration or magnitude) and / or pronounced change in environmental conditions. Effect that is likely to be an important consideration at a local level.
Minor	Noticeable but small effect or change in environmental conditions. These effects may be raised as local issues but are unlikely to be of importance in the decision-making process.
Negligible	No discernible change or neutral effect on environmental conditions. An effect that is likely to have a negligible influence, irrespective of other effects.

3.7.26 The matrix presented in Table 3.2 was generally applied throughout this ES to determine the scale or magnitude of effects. Where different assessment criteria were used, this is clearly stated within the relevant chapter.

Table 3.2: Significance of Effects Matrix

Sensitivity / Value of Receptor	Magnitude of Effect			
	High	Medium	Low	Negligible
High	Major	Major / Moderate	Moderate	Negligible
Medium	Major / Moderate	Moderate	Moderate / Minor	Negligible
Low	Moderate	Moderate / Minor	Minor	Negligible
Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible

Mitigation, Monitoring and Residual Effects

3.7.27 The design and development of mitigation measures is an integral part of the EIA process. Measures to mitigate potentially significant environmental effects are inherent in the Proposed Development and secured through the detailed design drawings and Landscape Strategy. These inherent measures are referred to throughout the ES as 'embedded

mitigation’ and are assessed as part of the Proposed Development under the main ‘Assessment of Effects’ section of each topic chapter. Embedded mitigation measures are also described under the section titled ‘Embedded Mitigation’ of each topic chapter.

- 3.7.28 In some cases, assessments identify a requirement for ‘additional’ mitigation and monitoring measures and potential enhancement opportunities. These are identified under the ‘Additional Mitigation, Monitoring and Residual Effects’ section of each topic chapter. Where a need for monitoring of adverse effects has been identified, this is also set out in this section together with appropriate monitoring arrangements.
- 3.7.29 A schedule of embedded mitigation commitments is provided in Chapter 11: Summary.
- 3.7.30 Residual effects are those that remain following the consideration of mitigation within the assessment. When applying the matrix set out at Table 3.2, these are defined as either ‘significant’ (i.e. major or moderate residual effect) or ‘not significant’ (i.e. minor residual effect or negligible).

3.8 Cumulative Effects

- 3.8.1 The EIA Regulations require that, in assessing the effects of a particular development proposal, consideration should also be given to any cumulative effects. Potential cumulative effects are categorised into two types:
 - **Intra-project effects:** The combined effects of individual effects resultant from the Proposed Development upon a set of defined sensitive receptors, for example, noise, dust and visual effects; and,
 - **Inter-project effects:** The combined effects arising from another development site(s), which individually might be insignificant, but when considered together, could create a significant cumulative effect.
- 3.8.2 Details on the methodology and approach of the cumulative effects assessment for intra-project effects and inter-project effects of the Proposed Development are provided below.

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- 3.8.3 The assessment of combined effects (intra-project effects) is inherent to the ecological impact assessment as considers multiple impacts on receptors (such as the Mid-Colne Valley SSSI), e.g., combined impacts from physical disturbance and changes to lighting, noise, water quality and air quality.
- 3.8.4 Due to the nature of potential impacts, effect interactions are addressed separately within each topic chapter (i.e. Chapters 7 – 10).

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- 3.8.5 There is currently no guidance on how to define an appropriate study area for considering cumulative effects. Therefore, a set of screening criteria has been developed to identify which reasonably foreseeable developments in the vicinity of the Site should be subject to assessment. This screening criteria was informed by the PPG and PINS Advice Note 17⁹. Schemes to be considered were identified based on the following criteria:

- Expected to be built out at the same time as the Proposed Development and with a defined planning and construction programme;
- Spatially linked to the Proposed Development (within 5km of the Proposed Development);
- Considered an 'EIA development' and for which an ES was submitted with the planning application;
- Those which have received planning consent from the planning authority (granted or resolution to grant); and / or
- Introduce sensitive receptors within close proximity of the Site boundary (but are not EIA development).

3.8.6 The development schemes which meet the above criteria, and which were considered in the context of the potential for cumulative effects are identified in Table 3.3 and Figure 3.1. The proposed scope and schedule of cumulative schemes was agreed with LBH as part of the Scoping Opinion.

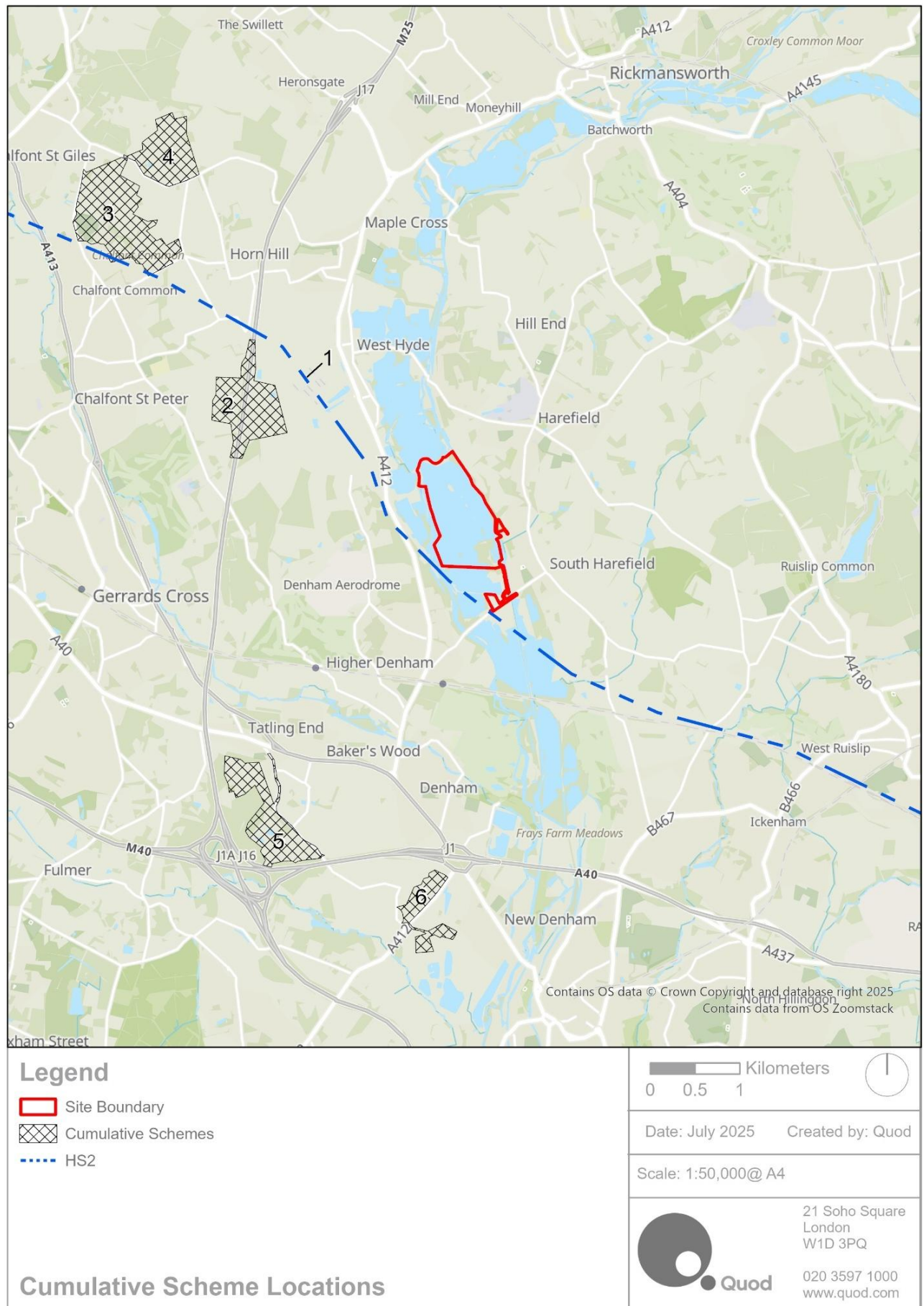
Table 3.3: Cumulative Schemes

Number	Reference (Local Planning Authority)	Address	Description	Approximate Distance from Site	Status
1	N/A	HS2 (Colne Valley Viaduct)	The Colne Valley viaduct became the UK's longest rail bridge its deck was completed in September 2024. The 2.1 mile-long (3.4km) gently curving structure, to the north west of London, will carry HS2 trains travelling up to 200mph between Hillingdon and the M25.	100m west	Phase One of HS2, involving the construction of the proposed scheme between London and the West Midlands and the Colne Valley Viaduct, adjacent to the Site is ongoing. The Colne Valley Viaduct was completed in September 2024 which will be followed by a period of testing and commissioning (assumed to be 2025 / 2026). The first HS2 services are expected to run between Birmingham Curzon Street and Old Oak Common in London in the mid-2030s.
2	PL/22/1411/OA – Chiltern & South Bucks	Land Between Junctions 16 and 17 Of The M25, Chalfont Lane, West Hyde, Hertfordshire	Outline Application for the erection of a Motorway Service Area with all matters reserved with the exception of access from the M25, comprising a facilities building, fuel filling station, electric vehicle charging,	1.8km north west	Decision Pending

Number	Reference (Local Planning Authority)	Address	Description	Approximate Distance from Site	Status
			service yard, parking facilities, vehicle circulation, landscaping, amenity spaces, Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) / attenuation, retaining structures and associated mitigation, infrastructure and earthworks / enabling works		
3	PL/22/2898/OA – Chiltern & South Bucks	Land at The National Society For Epilepsy, Chesham Lane, Chalfont St Peter, Buckinghamshire, SL9 0RJ	Outline planning application for the development of up to 975 homes including affordable housing (Use Class C3), up to 75 care accommodation beds (Use Class C2), new primary school provision, local retail and employment provision (Use Class E), reprovision of sport pitches, landscaping, car parking provision and associated works (matter to be considered at this stage: access)	3.9km north west	Subject to Planning Appeal
4	PL/24/3489/FA - Chiltern & South Bucks	Newland Park, Gorelands Lane, Chalfont St Giles, Buckinghamshire, HP8 4AB	Redevelopment to provide 404 new dwellings, conversion of existing Manor House, Stables and Lodge buildings to residential use, associated car	4.1km north west	Decision Pending

Number	Reference (Local Planning Authority)	Address	Description	Approximate Distance from Site	Status
			parking, new leisure development, sports pitches and landscaping of grounds (amendment to planning permission CH/2014/1964/FA).		
5	PL/23/3252/OA - Chiltern & South Bucks	Land to the west of Hollybush Lane (Former Denham Landfill Site), Tratling End, Denham, Buckinghamshire, UB9 4HH	Outline planning permission with all matters reserved (except for principal points of access) for the development of a film campus, comprising film production buildings (including sound stages, workshops, offices and backlot, ancillary retail and serviced accommodation), education floorspace, energy centre, and associated parking, servicing and green infrastructure	3km south west	Decision Pending
6	CM/0003/23; Chiltern & South Buckinghamshire	New Denham Quarry, Denham Road, Dehham, Buckinghamshire, UB9 4EH	Mineral extraction with low level restoration to lakes, woodland and grassland, as an eastern extension to New Denham Quarry.	3km south	Approved January 2025

Figure 3.1: Cumulative Schemes



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