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Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)
Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure)
(England) Order 2015 (as amended)

international importance) and at a national level as the Upper Severn SSSI. The River Wye SAC is located about 40 kilometres south-west of the site. Despite the distance from these European sites, the River Stour is located in close proximity to the application site (within 135 metres of the application site) and are hydrologically linked to these European sites. In view of this, and due to the nature and location of proposed project, the Mineral Planning Authority (MPA) consider there is potential the proposal may affect the interest features of these European designated sites through functional hydrological connectivity and the potential presence of migratory species within the upper River Severn catchment. European sites are afforded protection under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017, as amended (the 'Habitats Regulations').

The Government's Planning Practice Guidance (PPG) provides advice and guidance in relation to planning applications which may impact upon European sites and Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA). HRA

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