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- The purpose of this Addendum (PD05a) to the Habitats Regulations Assessment Screening Report December 2019 on the Draft Revised Lambeth Local Plan Proposed Submission Version January 2020 (PD05) is to clarify that the screening accords with the judgment made in C-323/17 *People Over Wind & Peter Sweetman v Coillte* regarding mitigation, and to update the assessment to correctly reference the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017.
- In this case, the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) ruled that mitigation measures could not be taken into account at the screening stage of an appropriate assessment. This means that mitigation measures (which are intended to avoid or reduce effects) should be assessed within the framework of an appropriate assessment and not an earlier screening stage.
- 3. The HRA Screening Assessment of the Draft Revised Lambeth Local Plan Proposed Submission Version January 2020 does not rely on mitigation measures to demonstrate that there will be no adverse impact on the integrity of the four sites or that there will not likely be any significant effects on any European Site. Sections 5 and 7 of the screening report in particular demonstrate this. Therefore, in accordance with the Court of Justice of the European Union ruling in the *People Over Wind & Peter Sweetman v Coillte Teoranta* case, an appropriate assessment is not required.
- The second to last sentence of paragraph 1.2 of the Habitats Regulations Assessment Screening Report should be corrected to read: 'The requirement for HRA in the UK is set down in the Conservation (Natural Habitats, & c) Regulations, 1994 in England and Wales, amended in 2007 and recently consolidated into the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations <u>2017</u> 2010 (SI No. 210/490).