



**Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004  
The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England)  
Regulations 2012**

**Guildford borough  
Thames Basin Heaths Special Protection Area Avoidance Strategy  
Supplementary Planning Document  
2017**

**Adoption statement**

The Thames Basin Heaths Special Protection Area (SPA) is an important habitat for three species of rare bird that are protected under European and national legislation and policy NRM6 of the South East Plan. Where new development proposals are likely to have an impact on the SPA, avoidance and mitigation measures must be provided. This Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) provides guidance on the legislative and policy framework that surrounds the protection of the SPA and sets out an approach to avoiding and mitigating impacts on the SPA from new development, in order to meet the requirements of the policies in the Guildford Development Plan.

In accordance with Regulation 14 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012, notice is hereby given that the updated Thames Basin Heath Special Protection Area Avoidance Strategy Supplementary Planning Document (the strategy) was formally adopted by the Council's Executive on 18 July 2017.

The Executive decision, report and the supporting documents, including a Consultation Statement summarising consultation responses and the subsequent modifications made to the draft SPD are available on the Council's website at:

<https://www.guildford.gov.uk/article/16928/SPA-consultation>

The adopted strategy and this adoption statement are available to view at the main Council office at Millmead House, Millmead, Guildford, at the four libraries in the borough, and on the Council's website at: <https://www.guildford.gov.uk/tbhspa>.

Any person with sufficient interest in the decision to adopt the Guildford borough Planning Contributions SPD 2016 may apply to the High Court for permission to apply for judicial review of the Council's decision to adopt the SPD. Any such application must be made promptly and in any event not later than 3 months after the date on which this SPD was adopted.

On adoption of the strategy, the Thames Basin Heaths Special protection Area Avoidance Strategy 2009-2016 is formally withdrawn.