

Addendum to the
Habitats Regulations Assessment Report
for the Gosport Borough Local Plan 2011-2029
(July 2014)

Gosport Borough Council

Purpose of this Report

- 1.1 In January 2014 Urban Edge Environmental Consulting (referred to within this document as UE) produced a Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) Report relating to the proposals and policies of the emerging Gosport Borough Local Plan 2011-2029 (Local Plan). This has been part of an iterative process that has informed each stage of the Local Plan. The latest UE Report (Jan 2014) assessed the policies and proposals of the draft Local Plan as provided by the Borough Council at that time
- 1.2 Since this document was produced there have been a number of relatively minor changes to the policies contained within the latest Publication version (July 2014) of the Local Plan. **The Borough Council is of the opinion that these changes do not affect the findings of the HRA Report.** Consequently for completeness this addendum outlines those key changes and reasons why the Borough Council considers that the findings of the original report are still applicable.

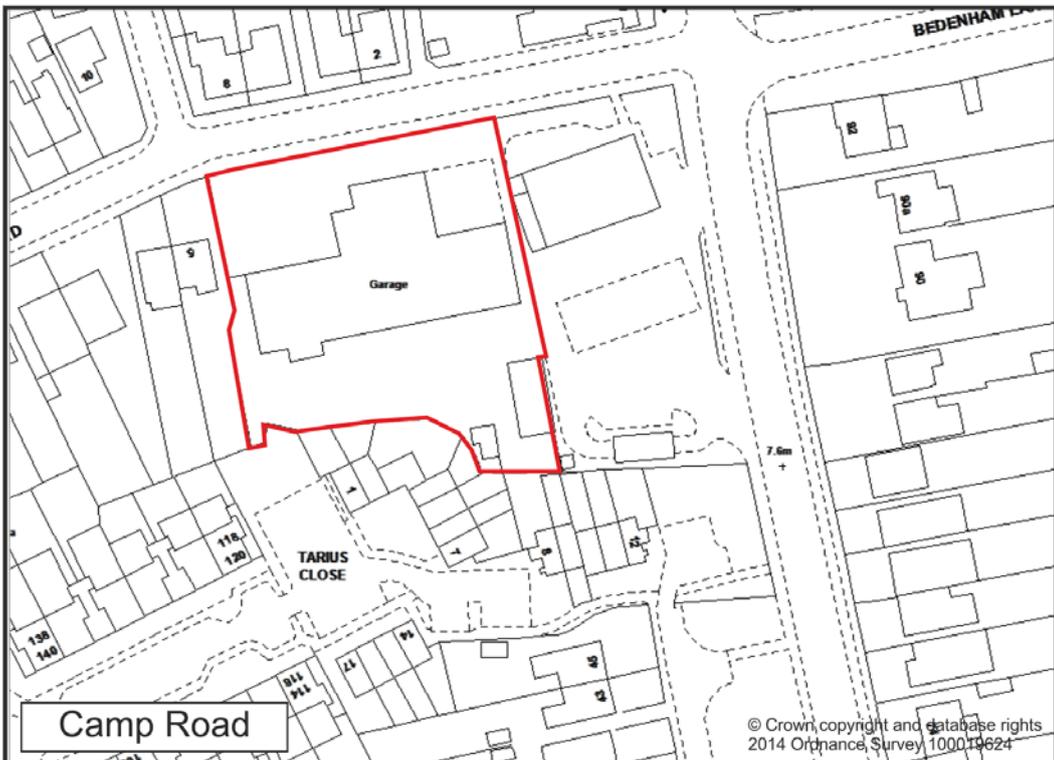
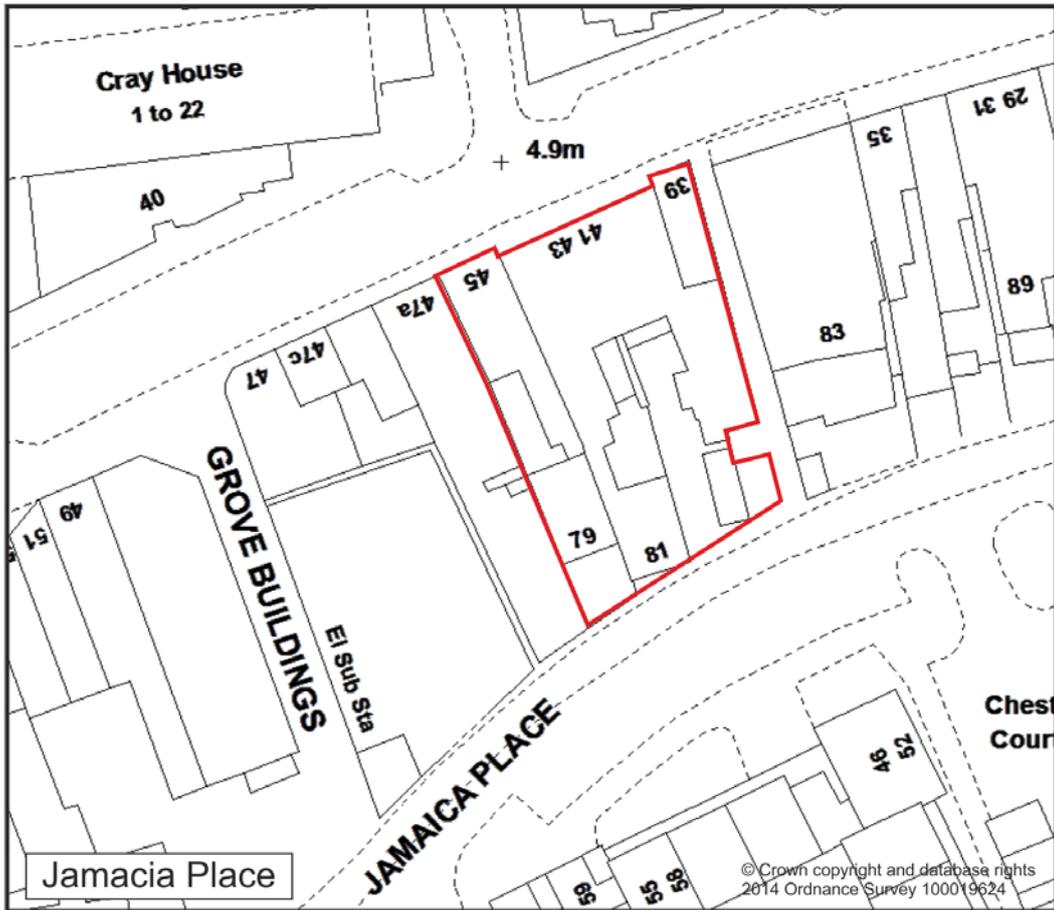
Key changes

- 2.1 There have been relatively few changes to the policies since January 2014. One presentational change of note relates to the name of the latest version of the Local Plan. In January 2014 the latest version of the draft Local Plan was referred to as the 'Pre-submission' version, and hence this is how it is referred to in the HRA Report. The name of the document has now changed to the 'Publication' version to better reflect references in the latest Government regulations.
- 2.2 The key changes to policies which could potentially affect the findings of the HRA are outlined below.

New residential housing allocations

- 2.3 The Borough Council has allocated two additional residential sites in Policy LP9D. These are Camp Road (17 dwellings) and Jamaica Place (11 dwellings) (see Plan 1). New residential housing allocations have the potential to affect the findings of the HRA.
- 2.4 In this instance the Borough Council is of the opinion that there is no material change required to the findings of the original HRA Report for a number of reasons. Firstly the overall quantum of housing identified in the Local Plan remains at 3,060 dwellings and the identified supply as increased marginally.
- 2.5 These sites have already been granted planning permission and consequently any issues relating the Habitats Regulations have been dealt with through the planning application process. These sites have been added as an allocation as the residential allocation policies include all known sites of 10 or more dwellings including those with planning permission.

Plan 1: Additional residential allocations



Changes in quantum of development

- 2.7 The only change in quantum of development within the policies is a reduction in the overall retail proposed at the Gosport Waterfront and Town Centre Regeneration from 10,500 sq.m. to 6,500 sq.m. The overall 10,500 sq.m. across the Borough remains the same but the reduction in this regeneration area reflects permissions and completions granted elsewhere in the Borough. Consequently as there has been a reduction in the overall quantum there are considered to be no implications for the finding of the original HRA Report.

Additional comment from UE

- 3.1 The Borough Council has liaised with UE with regard to the findings of this addendum and they have confirmed that they agree with its conclusions and have nothing further to add.

Conclusion

- 4.1 In the opinion of the Borough Council the changes made to the policies of the draft Local Plan since the HRA Report was produced in January do not materially alter its findings.