9.5 Air Quality:

(ii) Does policy SC5 adequately address the findings of the HRA screening report on environmental impacts on Epping Forest arising from traffic and development?

Minor modifications to policy SC5 and its supporting text have been proposed since regulation 19 consultation, in light of HRA findings and ongoing work between LBN and Natural England; these are set out in the associated Statement of Common Ground (dated June 2018).

While HRA findings are that the plan, based on best available data, is unlikely to give rise to significant effects on the SAC, modifications relate to the potential need for developments to undertake HRA at application stage, in particular where the development may give rise to traffic increases on certain roads,. Modifications to the implementation text specifically signpost the need to consider any future / emerging understanding of ‘in combination’ impacts on the SAC.

As such the policy, when latest modifications are considered, fully addresses findings of the HRA.