

## FILE NOTE

River Deel Flood Relief Scheme NIS Review:

Assessment of importance of recommendations in Enviroguide Peer Review Report 31/03/2021.

The table below has been prepared to provide DPER with a quick overview to the recommendations of the Enviroguide Consulting Peer Review of the NIS Report (Draft) of the River Deel Flood Relief Scheme 15th March 2021 and an assessment of the importance of these recommendations.

Green – these items would be nice to have but are not essential.

Orange – these items are important to ensure that the EIAR is as robust as possible.

Red – these items are essential for the EIAR to comply with the requirements of Directive 2014/52/EU

Recommendation	Importance	Rationale
State why any European site outside the 15km zone was ruled out. (Section 1.1)	Orange	This is a recommendation in the recent Guidelines on Appropriate Assessment produced by the Office of the Planning regulator.
Full details should be provided on the measures to be employed to protect the bank during works. (section 2.2.1)	Red	This is a requirement of the Directive and as it stands it is only partially complied with.
Assess the impacts of sheet piling or grouting techniques to be employed in the event of flood water passing underneath the flood defence wall foundations (Section 2.2.3 Page 9)	Red	The impacts need to be fully assessed in order to rule out potential impacts to beyond reasonable scientific doubt.
Provide justification for why the Crayfish survey outlined in Chapter 5 of the EIAR is adequate given that this is a species of International Importance. (Section 3.3)	Red	The impacts need to be fully assessed in order to rule out potential impacts to beyond reasonable scientific doubt.
Provide detail on the earthen bank (Section 4.1.5.1 p29) in order that the potential direct impacts can be fully assessed.	Red	The impacts need to be fully assessed in order to rule out potential impacts to beyond reasonable scientific doubt.

Provide full details of the assessment of all QI species in view of their Conservation Objectives.	Red	This is a requirement of the Directive.
Resolve the discrepancy between the NIS and Chapter 7 of the EIAR regarding instream works. If there are proposed instream works then the impacts of these will need to be fully assessed.	Red	This is critical for the assessment to be robust.
Address the potential for impact from machinery operating on the riverbank in Section 4.1.4.2	Orange	This is currently a weakness within the NIS
Address all cumulative effects of the proposed development with other plans and projects in Section 4.3	Red	This is a requirement of the Directive.
Amend the conclusion to ensure that it complies with the requirements as set out in case law.	Red	This is a legal requirement.
Ensure that Mitigation measures <u>inform</u> the Construction Environmental Method Statement, not the reverse.	Orange	At present this is not the situation.
Correct minor typographical errors as set out below: Page 9. Should "silt barrages" be "silt barriers"? Page 11: Replace " <i>Fontanilis</i> sp." with " <i>Fontinalis</i> sp." Page 23. Reference to Alkaline Fens habitat under section 4.1.2 <i>Old sessile oak woods with Ilex and Blechnum in the British Isles (91A0)</i> likely to be a typo. Page 31, 4.1.6.5 delete <i>Anser albifrons flavirostris</i> Table captions should be above the table, not below	Green	None of these is serious.