

# Stage 1 Habitats Regulations Assessment

Environment Agency record of screening for likely significant effects

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This is a record of the screening for likely significant effects required by Regulation 63 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended), undertaken by the Environment Agency in respect of the permission, plan or project (PPP) detailed in Section 1, for the following relevant site(s):

Richmond Park SAC (UK0030246)

Wimbledon Common SAC (UK0030301)

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This record  was / was not  sent to Natural England for consultation.

For EPR permits only (excluding Flood Risk Activity Permits): An additional component charge for habitats assessment was levied / was not levied / was not applicable for this application

## 1. Permission, plan or project (PPP) details

**Type of PPP:** Environmental Permit (PPC Installations)

**Environment Agency reference:** EPR/TP3500PB/V003

**National grid reference:** **TQ2093082730**

**Site/project name or reference:** Equinix (UK) Limited

## 2. Description of proposal

Installation Variation

### **3. Map(s) showing PPP location and European site(s)**

## 4. European sites requiring assessment<sup>1</sup>

### Richmond Park SAC (UK0030246)

Stag beetle

### Wimbledon Common SAC (UK0030301)

European dry heaths ; Northern Atlantic wet heaths with Erica tetralix; Stag beetle

## 5. Conservation objectives

The screening for likely significant effects (and appropriate assessment, if required) will consider the implications of the proposal in view of the site's conservation objectives.

Richmond Park SAC (UK0030246):

<http://publications.naturalengland.org.uk/publication/5279688851193856?category=6528471664689152>

Wimbledon Common SAC (UK0030301):

<http://publications.naturalengland.org.uk/publication/5706571287887872?category=6528471664689152>

## 6. Risks (pressures) relevant to the type of PPP being assessed

These are the reasonably foreseeable risks for this type of PPP. Some of these risks may not be relevant to the particular activity being assessed and this is explained here. The risks which are not relevant do not require further assessment.

Acidification

Change in nutrients

Change in thermal regime

Habitat loss

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<sup>1</sup> This is based on screening criteria the Environment Agency consider appropriate to identify possible significant risk.

<sup>^</sup> Protected area under the Water Environment (Water Framework Directive) (England and Wales) Regulations 2017

\* Priority natural habitat/priority species

~ Marine Protected Area

Feature information sourced from Natural England

Physical damage

Smothering

Toxic contamination

## 7. HRA Stage 1 screening<sup>2</sup>

This section is a record of the screening for each risk (pressure) and the qualifying features that could be sensitive to that risk. The features may be grouped if they will be affected in the same way and the screening is the same for each feature. If appropriate, the assessment may be considered at a site level, rather than feature by feature.

### Richmond Park SAC (UK0030246)

#### Acidification

Summary of likely significant effect alone:

Write here...

Summary of likely significant effect in combination:

Write here...

The assessment of likely significant effect from this risk for the following features is:

Stag beetle - || Alone / In combination / No effect ||.

#### Habitat loss

Summary of likely significant effect alone:

Write here...

Summary of likely significant effect in combination:

Write here...

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<sup>2</sup> Only features the Environment Agency consider likely to be sensitive to the type of PPP being assessed are included, see [Habitats Regulations Assessment: Risk definitions and matrices](#)

<sup>^</sup> Protected area under the Water Environment (Water Framework Directive) (England and Wales) Regulations 2017

\* Priority natural habitat/priority species

~ Marine Protected Area

The assessment of likely significant effect from this risk for the following features is:

Stag beetle - || Alone / In combination / No effect ||.

### **Physical damage**

Summary of likely significant effect alone:

Write here...

Summary of likely significant effect in combination:

Write here...

The assessment of likely significant effect from this risk for the following features is:

Stag beetle - || Alone / In combination / No effect ||.

### **Smothering**

Summary of likely significant effect alone:

Write here...

Summary of likely significant effect in combination:

Write here...

The assessment of likely significant effect from this risk for the following features is:

Stag beetle - || Alone / In combination / No effect ||.

### **Toxic contamination**

Summary of likely significant effect alone:

Write here...

Summary of likely significant effect in combination:

Write here...

The assessment of likely significant effect from this risk for the following features is:

Stag beetle - || Alone / In combination / No effect ||.

## **Wimbledon Common SAC (UK0030301)**

### **Acidification**

Summary of likely significant effect alone:

Write here...

Summary of likely significant effect in combination:

Write here...

The assessment of likely significant effect from this risk for the following features is:

European dry heaths - || Alone / In combination / No effect ||. Northern Atlantic wet heaths with Erica tetralix - || Alone / In combination / No effect ||. Stag beetle - || Alone / In combination / No effect ||.

### **Change in nutrients**

Summary of likely significant effect alone:

Write here...

Summary of likely significant effect in combination:

Write here...

The assessment of likely significant effect from this risk for the following features is:

European dry heaths - || Alone / In combination / No effect ||. Northern Atlantic wet heaths with Erica tetralix - || Alone / In combination / No effect ||.

### **Change in thermal regime**

Summary of likely significant effect alone:

Write here...

Summary of likely significant effect in combination:

Write here...

The assessment of likely significant effect from this risk for the following features is:

Northern Atlantic wet heaths with *Erica tetralix* - || Alone / In combination / No effect ||.

### **Habitat loss**

Summary of likely significant effect alone:

Write here...

Summary of likely significant effect in combination:

Write here...

The assessment of likely significant effect from this risk for the following features is:

European dry heaths - || Alone / In combination / No effect ||. Northern Atlantic wet heaths with *Erica tetralix* - || Alone / In combination / No effect ||. Stag beetle - || Alone / In combination / No effect ||.

### **Physical damage**

Summary of likely significant effect alone:

Write here...

Summary of likely significant effect in combination:

Write here...

The assessment of likely significant effect from this risk for the following features is:

European dry heaths - || Alone / In combination / No effect ||. Northern Atlantic wet heaths with *Erica tetralix* - || Alone / In combination / No effect ||. Stag beetle - || Alone / In combination / No effect ||.

## **Smothering**

Summary of likely significant effect alone:

Write here...

Summary of likely significant effect in combination:

Write here...

The assessment of likely significant effect from this risk for the following features is:

European dry heaths - || Alone / In combination / No effect ||. Northern Atlantic wet heaths with *Erica tetralix* - || Alone / In combination / No effect ||. Stag beetle - || Alone / In combination / No effect ||.

## **Toxic contamination**

Summary of likely significant effect alone:

Write here...

Summary of likely significant effect in combination:

Write here...

The assessment of likely significant effect from this risk for the following features is:

European dry heaths - || Alone / In combination / No effect ||. Northern Atlantic wet heaths with *Erica tetralix* - || Alone / In combination / No effect ||. Stag beetle - || Alone / In combination / No effect ||.

## **8. Alone assessment (further details)**

Write here...

## **9. In combination assessment (further details)**

Write here...

## **10. Information / Advice**

This section summarises the information and or advice requested / received during the screening.



## **Environment Agency internal advice and consultation (if applicable)**

Write here...

## **Natural England information / advice (if applicable)**

Write here...

## **Third party advice (if applicable)**

Write here...

## **11. References**

Write here...

## **12. Decision**

The Environment Agency || concludes there is no likely significant effect / has decided to carry out an appropriate assessment. ||

Name of Environment Agency officer:

Job title:

Date: || Select date ||

## **13. Consultation (if applicable)**

Date sent to Natural England for consultation: || Select date ||

Date response received from Natural England: || Select date ||

## **Natural England advice on the screening for likely significant effects (if applicable)**

Write here...

Do Natural England have concerns about the assessment? || Yes / No ||

Do Natural England have concerns about the decision? || Yes / No ||

Name of Natural England officer:

Job title:

Date: || Select date ||