

A / B (Green) – Screened out

C / D (Red) – Screened in

Policy	Initial screening Category	Issue	Screening category after changes recommended by Council Ecologist
Policy 1: Landscape Setting	C and D	Housing development at the Hilperton Gap could lead to impacts on the Bath and Bradford on Avon SAC alone and in combination with other plans and projects as a result of increased recreational pressure, loss of habitat and further loss of recreational mitigation area. <u>Recommendation</u> - policy wording amended to remove wording relating to Policy 44 exception site	B
Policy 2: Housing	C and D	Windfall developments could give rise to habitat loss and increased recreational pressure <u>Recommendation</u> - Insert the following in explanatory text – “In view of the potential for development to affect the Bats SAC new housing should be located within the settlement boundary where impacts to bat habitat will be minimised. All new housing will need to contribute to strategic mitigation measures identified in the Trowbridge Bat Mitigation Strategy to offset the in-combination impacts the Bath and Bradford on Avon SAC arising from recreational pressure on local woodlands”	B
Policy 3: Heritage and Design	A1 and A3		
Policy 4: Sustainable Transport	B	Wording has been inserted into explanatory text to emphasise the need for proposals for creating and improving footpaths and cycleways to be assessed for potential impacts on SAC and only to be implemented where it can be demonstrated there will be no deterioration of bat habitat	(Note the need to Change reference to “Habitats Regulations 2010 (as amended)” to “Habitats Regulations 2017”)
Policy 5: Infrastructure and developer contributions	A1 and A2		
Policy 6: Local economy, jobs and tourism	B		Note the need to change reference to “Habitats Regulations 2010 (as amended)” to “Habitats Regulations 2017”
Informal policy A – Hedgerows and trees	A2	Restoration of hedgerows and trees could contribute positively by enhancing habitat used by bats which are features of the Bath and Bradford on Avon Bat SAC. Advisory note: felling and management of diseased, dead and dying trees has the potential to affect roosting bats and professional advice should be obtained before undertaking such works.	
Informal Policy B – Ditches	B		

and drainage			
Informal Policy C – Highway issues	B		