

Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) of Projects and Plans (England & Wales)

Summary

This training has been designed to give delegates a thorough understanding of the overall purpose, process and methodology of the HRA of projects and plans. As well as covering relevant policy and legislation, the course also explores the key stages of the HRA process, with professional advice on compliance and best practice.

Description

The course is for anyone working in England and Wales, giving a thorough understanding of the overall purpose, process and methodology of the HRA of projects and plans. As well as covering relevant policy and legislation, practical workshops and presentations will be used to explore the key stages of the HRA process, with professional advice on compliance and best practice.

The course is aimed at beginner/intermediate level; whilst it is appropriate for those completely new to Habitats Regulations Assessment (as it assumes no prior experience and includes an introduction to the Directives, the Regulations and the sites protected by them), it also covers the whole HRA process and seeks to offer some more in-depth training to intermediate level delegates who will have had some experience of HRA.

Who Should Attend?

The course is designed for practitioners working in England and Wales involved in Habitats Regulations Assessment. In particular, it is suited to ecological or planning consultants and 'competent authority' staff, such as local authority planners and ecologists.

Learning Outcomes

• Relate the Habitats Regulations Assessment process to the source legislation (Directives and Regulations) and relevant Government policy.

- Explain the key assessment stages such as screening, appropriate assessment and the integrity test.
- Evaluate and apply the assessment stages in light of case law, case studies, examples of good practice and sources of advice and guidance.
- Review and revise assessments to ensure they are focused, effective, proportionate and fit for purpose.

Refreshments

• Course fee includes refreshments throughout the day. Lunch is not provided.

Date, time and location

- 14 November 2019. 09:30h 16:30h.
- Richard Green Ecology Offices, Unit 9C, Mill Park, Woodbury Salterton, Exeter, EX5 1EL.

Price & Booking

- £200.00 including VAT.
- Email <u>office@richardgreenecology.co.uk</u> for a booking form.