For the attention of Mr James Neave

Dear Mr Neave,

Our ref: 362867 Your ref: WSCC/011/21

Thank you for your consultation.

Natural England has previously commented on this proposal and made comments to the authority in our letter dated 27 April 2021.

The advice provided in our previous response applies equally to this **amendment** although we made no objection to the original proposal.

The proposed amendments to the original application are unlikely to have significantly different impacts on the natural environment than the original proposal.

Should the proposal be amended in a way which **significantly** affects its impact on the natural environment then, in accordance with Section 4 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006, Natural England should be consulted again. Before sending us the amended consultation, please assess whether the changes proposed will materially affect any of the advice we have previously offered. If they are unlikely to do so, please do not re-consult us. Yours sincerely,

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