

From: Steve Avery  
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To: John Shepherd  
Cc: Lisa Foster

Dear John,

Once again, my apologies for not coming back to you sooner. I thought I had previously confirmed our position on the matter of the Habitats Regulations (as per the footnote to my attached copy letter to Natural England dated 26 July 2013 which I forwarded to you by email last September). But it is clear that I have not said so specifically and so I would be pleased if you would treat this email as the Authority's definitive view on whether there is a need to undertake an Appropriate Assessment under s21 (1) of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010.

It is our view, having considered the points raised in Richard Buxton's letter of 12 December 2012 (paragraph 12) and discussed this matter with Natural England, that there will be no detrimental likely significant effects arising from the project on any other qualifying European features either alone or in-combination with other plans or projects. Furthermore, we believe that the project under consideration is directly connected with and necessary for the management of some of the qualifying European features. For these reasons, we do not consider that an Appropriate Assessment is required.

Kind regards,

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