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To: Planning
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Our ref: 406370

Dear Steve Astles,

Thank you for consulting us on this application regarding water neutrality. Please find our response below.

Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.

NO OBJECTION SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATE MITIGATION BEING SECURED

Natural England notes that your authority, as competent authority, has undertaken an appropriate assessment of the proposal in accordance with regulation 63 of the Conservation of Species and Habitats Regulations 2017 (as amended). Natural England is a statutory consultee on the appropriate assessment stage of the Habitats Regulations Assessment process.

Your appropriate assessment concludes that your authority is able to ascertain that the proposal **will not result in adverse effects on the integrity of any of the sites** in question. Having considered the assessment, and the measures proposed to mitigate for all identified adverse effects that could potentially occur as a result of the proposal, Natural England advises that **we concur with the assessment conclusions**, providing that all mitigation measures are appropriately secured in any planning permission given.

Yours sincerely,

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