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Dear Andrew

I have a query which relates to the following item below, as set out in the Issue Specific Hearing transcript for Environment.

c) In ExQ1 HAB1.1.18, the Examining Authority asked Natural England to provide electronic copies of the conservation objectives and, where relevant, the supplementary advice on conservation objectives for a list of European sites. We were referred in the answer to links to external websites. This raises a concern that the information is not in the Examination, that links could break, or the objectives might change during or after the Examination. Is it possible for the Applicant and Natural England to agree the information and for the Applicant to submit it into Examination, perhaps as an Annex to the HRA report, the Statement of Common Ground or in any other suitable submission?

Natural England have provided all the links to our Conservation Advice Packages and the supplementary advice with online links.

The most up to date information will be available on the Designated Sites View website and it is very unlikely to change for the relevant sites within the timescale of an Examination and if it were, it would likely have formed part of the advice given. Even if a link was broken somewhere or corrupted in a document, the website will still be available and easy to access and from direction from gov.uk
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/conservation-advice-for-marine-protected-areas-how-to-use-site-advice-packages>

Our Designated Site Systems does not lend itself easily to providing electronic copies as information found on the website is interactive and difficult to download into discrete documents. It would be very time consuming to do this and we consider for no real gain.

Please note, we have raised this issue with Richard Hunt (Operations Lead – Environmental Services) as it is a wider issue as well across various NSIPS and not just specific to this case.

I would be grateful if you could please advise.

Kind regards

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