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Dear Sir/Madam

TR010018 A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Improvement Scheme

Clarification concerning Highways England and Natural England's responses to the Examining Authority's Second Written Questions, question number 2.2.4

Highways England has consulted further with Natural England following submission of slightly different lists of the qualifying features of the Ouse Washes SPA in response to question 2.2.24. Natural England have considered the complex matter of the definitive list of qualifying species of the SPA with their specialists and have concluded that the formal legal qualifying species are those within the published Conservation Objectives. This list of qualifying features is the list that was used in the AIES supporting the DCO submission. Highways England and Natural England therefore agree that the definitive list of qualifying features is as follows:

A037 *Cygnus columbianus bewickii*; Bewick's swan (Non-breeding)
A038 *Cygnus cygnus*; Whooper swan (Non-breeding)
A050 *Anas penelope*; Eurasian wigeon (Non-breeding)
A051 *Anas strepera*; Gadwall (Breeding)
A052 *Anas crecca*; Eurasian teal (Non-breeding)
A053 *Anas platyrhynchos*; Mallard (Breeding)
A054 *Anas acuta*; Northern pintail (Non-breeding)
A055 *Anas querquedula*; Garganey (Breeding)
A056 *Anas clypeata*; Northern shoveler (Non-breeding)
A056 *Anas clypeata*; Northern shoveler (Breeding)
A082 *Circus cyaneus*; Hen harrier (Non-breeding)
A151 *Philomachus pugnax*; Ruff (Breeding)
A156a *Limosa limosa limosa*; Black-tailed godwit (Breeding)
Waterbird assemblage
Breeding bird assemblage

If you have further questions regarding our response to this response, please do not hesitate to contact me at Kathleen.covill@naturalengland.org.uk phone number 07900 608194.

Yours sincerely



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