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A585 Windy Harbour to Skippool Improvement Scheme
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Deadline 8

Response to comments on the Report on the Implications for European Sites (RIES)
Comments on the Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP)
Comments on the Record of Environmental Actions and Commitments (REAC)
Comments on Draft Development Consent Order (DCO)

Thank you for your consultation via the Rule 8 letter, on the above, dated and received by Natural England on 16 April 2019.

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.

1. Response to comments on the Report on the Implications for European Sites (RIES)

1.1. We have reviewed the response to comments on the RIES (Rev 0, September 2019).

1.2. We have no comments on this document.

2. Comments on the Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP)

2.1. We note the request from the ExA in relation to night time working (letter dated 20 September 2019) and await Highways England's response expected at Deadline 9.

Bird Mitigation Strategy

2.2. We have reviewed the CEMP Appendix B - Bird Mitigation Strategy (Rev 2, September 2019).

2.3. The issue around obtaining shooting rights as part of the bird mitigation strategy is still outstanding – see Section 4 below.

3. Comments on the Record of Environmental Actions and Commitments (REAC)

- 3.1. We have reviewed the REAC (Rev 5, September 2019).
- 3.2. Natural England is satisfied that all our previous concerns and suggestions regarding this Strategy have been adequately addressed by Highways England and have no further comments to make.

4. Comments on the Draft Development Consent Order (DCO)

- 4.1. Natural England has also been in ongoing discussions with Highways England regarding the draft DCO.
- 4.2. We have agreed a number of changes to this document which will be reflected in the next version submitted at Deadline 8.
- 4.3. We understand from our conversations with Highways England that further additional wording is proposed to be added into the DCO regarding the need to secure the bird mitigation strategy which includes securing the shooting rights around the mitigation area and that this will be included within the next version of the draft DCO to be submitted at Deadline 8.
- 4.4. We also note the request from the ExA in relation to this issue (letter dated 20 September 2019).
- 4.5. Subject to additional wording being added into the DCO regarding the implementation of the bird mitigation strategy, Natural England is satisfied that all elements of this Strategy will be fully secured.

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