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Dear Sir/Madam

NSIP: M54 to M6 Link Road - TR010054- Hearing action point 6- Letter from Natural England confirming no significant effect on SAC

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.

Natural England has seen the draft revised Highways England Habitats Regulation Assessment Report dated December 2020 and notes that it has screened the proposal to check for the likelihood of significant effects on European protected sites.

The assessment concludes that the proposal can be screened out from further stages of assessment because significant effects are unlikely to occur, either alone or in combination. On the basis of the information provided, Natural England concurs with this view.

If you have any queries relating to the advice in this letter please contact me at the details below.

Yours sincerely

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