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Dear Mr Harris

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Further to the Examining Authority's letter of 21 September 2012, I enclose a note setting out Natural England's further proposals in respect of the draft DCO/DML. This is in addition to Natural England's submissions on the draft DCO/DML at the first DCO/DML hearing on 12 July 2012, as summarised in the note it submitted to the Panel dated 23 July 2012. Since that DCO/DML hearing, Natural England has been in correspondence with the Applicant's solicitor and these exchanges have led to further revisions of the draft DCO/DML.

Whilst these are all of the comments which Natural England wishes to make at this stage, I should be grateful if the Panel would note that we are currently processing the latest round of information supplied by the Applicant. We are also mindful that further hearings are scheduled in which the important issues of compensation and mitigation will be discussed and the position regarding these explored and clarified. It may be necessary, therefore, for Natural England to make further comments on the draft DCO/DML between now and the second DCO/DML hearing, scheduled at the end of the Examination Process. If Natural England does have any such comments it will share them directly with the Applicant's solicitor.

Yours sincerely

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