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Date: 5 May 2022

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Dear Sir/ Madam

## **Planning Act 2008 – Section 88 and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 – Rule 8 (3) and Rule 17**

### **Application by Augean South Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the East Northants Resource Management Facility Western Extension**

#### **Request for Further Information**

##### ***Bio-diversity Net Gain***

I write following the recent publication by Natural England of its Biodiversity Metric 3.1 for use in the calculation of biodiversity net gain (BNG). This version of the Metric updates v3.0 which was used by the Applicant in its submission documents.

I should be grateful if Natural England and the Applicant would comment on whether the updated version 3.1 is now applicable to this project and should be used to calculate BNG in preference to version 3.0, or whether it is acceptable for the project to continue to use version 3.0?

##### ***Habitats Regulations Assessment***

The Applicant's Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) No Significant Effects Report (NSER) [APP-102] includes reference to the Upper Nene Valley Gravel Pits Special Protection Area (SPA) and Ramsar. However, a full list of the qualifying features/criterion for these European sites is not provided in the NSER and data forms for these two sites are not provided as an appendix. Please would the Applicant and NE confirm the qualifying features for the SPA and criterion for the Ramsar and/or provide the data forms for these two sites.

Please respond by email by **Thursday 19 May 2022**. Please note that this is a change to the Examination timetable and will be referenced as Deadline 5a in the Examination Timetable. Please contact the Case Team if you have any questions about this letter.

Yours faithfully

*Simon Warder*

**Examining Authority**

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