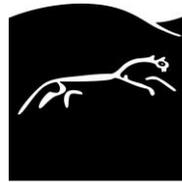


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21 June 2018

Dear Sir,

VALE OF WHITE HORSE LOCAL PLAN 2031 PART 2 (LPP2): HABITATS REGULATION ASSESSMENT

The Vale of White Horse District Council would like to provide an update to the letter dated 24 May 2018 in relation to the Council's Habitats Regulations Assessment incorporating Appropriate Assessment. The HRA was published on the Council's website as part of the examination library (**CSD08.1**) on 4 June. At the same time, the Council consulted with Natural England.

The Council has consulted with Natural England on the HRA which has been finalised in accordance with the advice given. The Council is satisfied that the HRA (June 2018) (Final) is compliant with the recent judgement of the Court of Justice of the European Union in *People over Wind, Peter Sweetman v Coillte Teoranta* (Case C-323/17) and the Planning Inspectorate Guidance concerning the same matter (PINS Note 05/2018).

A copy of the HRA (June 2018) (Final) is added to the examination library with the reference **CSD08.4**. The document is available on the Council website and respondents to the Part 2 plan Regulation 19 consultation will be notified of this publication.

Yours sincerely

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