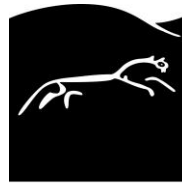


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Dear Sir,

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

The Vale of White Horse District Council would like to provide an update on how it intends to demonstrate legal compliance 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).

The Council has instructed its consultants, AECOM, to prepare a Vale of White Horse LPP2 Habitats Regulations Assessment (Further Update) in accordance with the above judgement, in particular by revisiting the screening assessment and including appropriate assessment. The Council is proposing to consult with Natural England on the HRA (Further Update) from Monday 4 June for a period of three weeks. It is intended that the document will also be made available on the Council website for the same period with notification being given to any respondents to the Part 2 plan Regulation 19 consultation of this publication.

The Council is confident that this approach will avoid any adverse impact to the Examination timetable and trust that the approach is acceptable to the Inspector.

Yours sincerely

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