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Sent: 14 January 2014 15:18
To: Joanne Macholc
Subject: RE: Proposed Main Changes to Ribble Valley Core Strategy - SA and HRA Addendum report June/July 2013

Dear Joanne

Thank you for your email received today. I can confirm Natural England agrees with the findings of the Addendum Report specifically in relation to the HRA namely that it would be possible to avoid impacts on European Sites, and therefore flowing from this, that Appropriate Assessment would not be required. As previously stated we assume that site allocations will be the subject of a separate HRA screening. That document should recognise that circumstances may change over the period of the Local Plan, and in the latter stages of the Plans implementation, when considering detailed planning matters, up-to-date data may be required to confirm that development is not likely to have significant effect on European sites.

Thank you

Kind regards

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