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Dear Emma

**Planning consultation: Central Lincolnshire Proposed Submission Local Plan - Habitats Regulations Assessment Methodology and Screening Report**

Thank you for your consultation which was received by Natural England on 15 April 2016.

Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.

**CONSERVATION OF HABITATS AND SPECIES REGULATIONS 2010, AS AMENDED (THE 'HABITATS REGULATIONS')**

Natural England welcomes the opportunity to provide comments on the Habitats Regulations Assessment of the Central Lincolnshire Proposed Submission Local Plan, as a statutory consultee and specialist adviser on the application of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010, the 'Habitats Regulations.'

We are satisfied that the Screening Report follows accepted methodology and is in line with appropriate legislation and guidance. We therefore consider that the policies of the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan have undergone a full Habitats Regulations Assessment screening. We can confirm that we agree with the Report's conclusions that the Local Plan would not be likely to have a significant effect on a European Site either alone or in combination with other plans or projects, and no further assessment work is required at this stage.

We would be happy to comment further should the need arise but if in the meantime you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

For any queries relating to the specific advice in this letter only please contact Roslyn Deeming on 02080268500. For any new consultations, or to provide further information on this consultation please send your correspondences to [consultations@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:consultations@naturalengland.org.uk).

We really value your feedback to help us improve the service we offer. We have attached a feedback form to this letter and welcome any comments you might have about our service.

Yours sincerely



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