

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached Natural England's response to the above consultation. If there is anything therein that you wish to discuss please do not hesitate to contact me using the details set out below

Kind regards,

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