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Dear Paula Allen

Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) Screening opinion on Coniston draft Neighbourhood Plan

Thank you for your consultation on the above dated 18 November 2014 which was received by Natural England on the same date.

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.

The Draft Coniston Neighbourhood Plan puts forward new housing and employment allocations that have not been subject to any Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) or SEA testing but following an enquiry made by Natural England we received a telephone message from Paula Allen on Thursday 13 November. Paula advised that Coniston Neighbourhood plan will not take forward any new housing or employment allocations.

Natural England is, on the understanding that no new allocations will be taken forward through Coniston Neighbourhood Plan, in agreement with the findings of the HRA Screening Report that the Coniston Neighbourhood Plan will not have any likely significant effects on European Designated Sites.

We recommend that you update the Coniston Neighbourhood Plan to reflect that no new allocations will be taken forward and the HRA and SEA Screening reports should be updated to reflect this.

If there are any changes to this scenario Natural England request that we are consulted again.

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 me using the contact details below. For any new consultations, or to provide further information on this consultation please send your correspondences to consultations@naturalengland.org.uk.

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