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Dear Ms Nurser,

Planning consultation: Stage 1 Examination Hearings: Action Point for MSDC.

Mid Sussex District Council have made us aware that during Day 1 of the Stage 1 Examination Hearings you requested confirmation from Natural England that we are satisfied with the Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) which has been undertaken to support the new Local Plan.

In line with the signed Statement of Common Ground, we can confirm that we agree with the conclusions drawn in the submitted Habitats Regulations Assessment insofar that an adverse effect on the integrity of Arun Valley SAC, SPA and Ramsar site as well as Ashdown Forest SAC and SPA can be ruled out.

We also continue to agree that impacts to Castle Hill SAC can be screened out from further assessment, as advised in our Regulation 19 response issued on 18 March 2024 (our ref. 463374).

Final Comments

For queries relating to the specific information in this letter only please contact Sophie Moore at sophie.moore@naturalengland.org.uk. For any new consultations, or to provide further information on this consultation please send your correspondences to consultations@naturalengland.org.uk.

Yours faithfully

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