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Dear Ms Griffiths

Planning consultation: Discharge of condition 16 of TWA/10/APP/01

Location: Oxford To Bicester Rail Link, Buckingham Road, Bicester

Thank you for your consultation on the above dated 28 May 2014 which was received by Natural England on the same day.

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.

WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981 (AS AMENDED)

The submitted documents relate to the partial discharge of condition 16, and consist of a Method Statement for Works within 500 m of Wendlebury Meads and Mansmoor Closes Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). In general, the contents of the method statement are acceptable. However, Section 4.4.1 refers to an e-mail of 8th May 2014 from the Project Manager of Atkins saying that there should be no difference to the run-off into the watercourse at Chainage 115940. It would be useful to have the back ground to this, detailing why it is expected that there will be no difference. Maybe this could be attached to the submitted document as an appendix.

We would like to see these details before we can agree that the condition can be discharged.

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 Olivia Euesden on 0300 060 4924. For any new consultations, or to provide further information on this consultation please send your correspondences to 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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