

Dear Mr Collison,

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Please see below, an email from Natural England in response to your request.

Kind regards

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**Subject:** LC-426 Loxley NDP HRA Screening Conclusion

Dear Samantha,

#### **Loxley NDP HRA Screening Conclusion**

Thank you for consulting us on the above Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP).

Natural England advises that the Loxley NDP Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) Screening Conclusion of no likely significant effect upon the European designated sites is compliant with the recent changes to the HRA process following People Over Wind ruling by the Court of Justice of the European Union. We agree with Lepus Consulting Ltd that the Neighbourhood Plan is compatible with European obligations.

Kind regards,

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