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Dear Sir or Madam,

Please find attached Natural England's response to the above consultation, as well as our further general advice on the consideration of protected species and other natural environment issues in Annex A. If you have any queries, please direct them to consultations@naturalengland.org.uk.

Kind regards,
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We strongly recommend using the SSSI Impact Risk Zones (SSSI IRZs) to decide when to consult Natural England on development proposals that might affect a SSSI. The SSSI IRZs tool is quick and simple to use and gives instant planning advice as a formal consultation response in certain circumstances and can reduce unnecessary delays in the planning process.

Natural England offers two chargeable services - the Discretionary Advice Service, which provides pre-application and post-consent advice on planning/licensing proposals to developers and consultants, and the Pre-submission Screening Service for European Protected Species mitigation licence applications. These services help applicants take appropriate account of environmental considerations at an early stage of project development, reduce uncertainty, the risk of delay and added cost at a later stage, whilst securing good results for the natural environment.

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