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Dear David

**Habitats Directive Article 6(3) and draft amendments to Habitats Regulations
2006.
Appropriate Assessment of Herefordshire Unitary Development Plan 1996-2011**

Further to your letter of Jan 31 2007, I am pleased to confirm that the policy screening process undertaken by the Council and the understandings and conclusions expressed in this letter are acceptable to and agreed by Natural England.

We are happy to advise that the approach undertaken, and to be followed in the application of UDP policy, meets the requirements for Appropriate Assessment of the development plan in line with the Habitats Regulations.

I recommend we utilise this approach as a starting point for the Council's engagement with the Habitats Regulations Review of Consents process, when practicable.

Yours sincerely

MG July
Team Leader Government and Communities

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