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Dear [REDACTED]

**Advice on appropriate assessment of a plan or project under regulation 63 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended)**  
**Application Reference No: EPR/VP3290ER/V004**  
**Shortheath Common Special Area of Conservation**

Thank you for your letter and enclosures of 06/09/2021 consulting Natural England on the appropriate assessment drafted by your Authority in accordance with the Habitats Regulations 2017 (as amended) and as part of your determination of the submitted application to carry out a plan or project.

The application site lies within or may affect Shortheath Common Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), which also forms part of the following site(s) protected by the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 as amended ('the Habitats Regulations'): Shortheath Common SAC. These sites are hereafter referred to as 'European Sites'.

This letter comprises our statutory consultation response under the provisions of regulation 63 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 as amended ('the Habitats Regulations') and includes Natural England's formal advice on the effects of the proposals on the integrity of the European Site(s). Regulation 63(3) of the Habitats Regulations states that your Authority must have regard to this representation.

#### Natural England's advice on the appropriate assessment

In view of the European site's [conservation objectives](#), and taking account of the mitigating measures either included in the proposal and/or to be imposed by your authority to avoid harmful effects on the site, Natural England concurs with the reasoning and the conclusions of the appropriate assessment that the plan or

project will not adversely affect the integrity of Shortheath Common SAC subject to the modifications / conditions proposed.

Therefore, and subject to the proposals being carried out in strict accordance with the details submitted (including any conditions to be attached to the permission), we advise you, as the Competent Authority, that it can be ascertained that this application will not adversely affect the integrity of Shortheath Common SAC.

We would be grateful if you could duly notify us of your final decision enclosing a copy of any permission given. Should you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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