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Dear Sir/Madam,

East Lothian Local Development Plan – Proposed Plan

Thank you for consulting us on the Proposed Plan and its accompanying Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA). As in earlier iterations, we have provided comment on the SEA in a separate response sent to Scottish Government's SEA Gateway.

We recognise that your preferred means of comment is via your Consultation website. We have completed the relevant sections of the Consultation website. In addition, our representations on the policies and proposals relevant to our remit are appended in Annex 1 of this letter and our advice on the Action Programme and draft Supplementary Guidance is included at Annex 2.

Habitats Regulations Appraisal

The caveats for international designated sites and protected species in policies and proposals are clearly presented and should leave no doubt as to what is required to successfully develop a site. **At this stage, we consider the Proposed Plan meets the requirements of the Habitats Regulations.** Our detailed comments on the draft HRA Record are included in Annex 2 of this response.

If you would like to discuss any of the matters raised in this response, please contact our planning advisor Vivienne Gray (viv.gray@snh.gov.uk; 0131 316 2644) in the first instance.

Yours sincerely

[by email]

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