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## BY EMAIL ONLY

Dear Ben

**Planning consultation: City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council LOCAL PLAN FOR THE BRADFORD DISTRICT - Sustainability Appraisal of the Waste Management DPD: Publication Draft (REGULATION 18 & 19)**

**Location:** Bradford

Thank you for further information provided in support of the Bradford Waste DPD and SA in your email of 25 April 2016 and commitment to work collaboratively with Natural England.

Natural England welcomes the clarification of the status of the planning application for site 78 and provision of the Habitats Regulations Assessment for the plan.

We acknowledge that the development (2013 application (13/04217/FUL) which was approved and the 2015 application which was refused (15/01381/FUL)) will not lead to a likely significant effect on the South Pennines SPA/SAC as set out in our responses dated 6 November 2013 and 6 May 2015. We recommend that to aid clarity it would be helpful for the allocation statement for site 78 to state that the extant planning permission must be developed in accordance with the submitted plans and conditions. It may also be helpful to include reference to relevant conditions in the text of the allocation. To ensure certainty of avoiding future impacts we would recommend that the DPD states that any future applications on this site will need to be subject to project level Habitats Regulations Assessment. Following this approach will allow the site allocations document to set out the mitigation measures needed as well as the need for detailed project level HRA, especially if future developments or changes are proposed on this site.

The Waste Management DPD Habitats Regulations Assessment also refers to Waste Management DPD Preferred Policy WDM2: Assessing All Applications for New, Expanded and Residual Waste Management Facilities and recommends that the policy wording should read that "adverse effects on European designated sites are avoided." Currently the policy requires adverse effects to be minimised which is not strong enough to conclude that the plan will not have an adverse effect on European sites. We recommend that you make this amendment to strengthen the plan.

It is Natural England's view that these amendments will allow the Council to address the soundness concerns raised in our letters of 25 April 2016.

We recommend that you make it clear that the HRA is available for scrutiny if required and to ensure legal compliance. To this end it would be helpful to include its URL in the SA.

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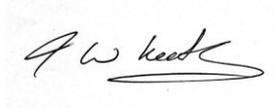


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We trust this is helpful and would be happy to discuss in more detail.

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