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**BY EMAIL ONLY**

Dear Ms Gray,

**Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA) of Lewisham Development Management Local Plan and Catford Town Centre Local Plan at pre-submission stage**

Thank you for your recent correspondence in respect of the above consultation document, seeking the views and comments of Natural England.

Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.

The document's identified, namely the Lewisham Development Management Local Plan and the Catford Town Centre Local Plan, are in respect of policies and guidance to assist developers ensure compliance with relevant legislation. They do not identify or put forward specific projects or sites for development.

In respect of the above documents, Natural England can agree with the Conclusions reached by the Council, as per Section 4 of the Habitats Regulation Assessment screening assessment, that the above mentioned documents do not require stage 2 or 3 of the Habitats Regulation Assessment, in respect of requiring Appropriate Assessment.

Further Local Plans and scheme may require Habitats regulation Assessment screening and possible Appropriate Assessment, dependent upon the type of document, project and its location.

We really value your feedback to help us improve the service we offer. We have attached a feedback form to this letter and welcome any comments you might have about our service.

For clarification of any points in this letter, please contact David Hammond on 0300 060 1373. For any new consultations or issues, please contact [consultations@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:consultations@naturalengland.org.uk).

Yours sincerely

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