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Dear Lisle

**ASSENT OF NATURAL ENGLAND UNDER SECTION 28H OF THE WILDLIFE AND
COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981 (AS AMENDED)**

**Upper Nene Valley Gravel Pits Site of Special Scientific Interest, Special Protection Area
and Ramsar Site**

Natural England assent to the proposals made in your notice of 21st September 2018 under S28H of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended). The full details including breakdown of work and its timing are those included within your assent notice. The works are to include:

- Enabling works for gantry foundations approximately every 30-50 metres (may already be completed under separate assent)
- Assembly of gantry structures (single or double approximately 30-50 metres apart, seven metres high)
- Fitting of wiring and ancillary finishing works including bird deflectors
- Final commissioning
- The works will take place on Saturday nights and some midweek week nights over the programmed period (intermittent works between October 2018 and April 2020).
- Works will be temporary in any one location (approximately 30 to 90 minutes) using track mounted equipment/vehicles and track mounted Mobile Elevated Working Platforms.

If you wish to change the proposed operation, or carry out additional operations for which assent has not yet been given, or if a time period given in your letter of date has expired, you are required to give further written notice to Natural England.

I draw your attention to your duty, under section 28G of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, as inserted by the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000, to take reasonable steps, consistent with the proper exercise of your functions, to further the conservation and enhancement of the SSSI.

Yours sincerely

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