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NETWORK RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE LIMITED

**NETWORK RAIL (HUDDERSFIELD TO WESTTOWN (DEWSBURY)
IMPROVEMENTS) ORDER**

NETWORK RAIL INQUIRY DOCUMENT

**Post application correspondence between Natural England and Network Rail in
relation to EPS Mitigation Licences (Luronium natans)**

1. Purpose of Document

- 1.1 Attached at Appendix 1 to this document is an email dated 29th October 2021 from Historic England to Network Rail, referring to updated information provided by Network Rail to Natural England via email on 28th September 2021 with respect to Luronium natans.
- 1.2 The email from Natural England dated 29th October 2021 confirms that Natural England agrees with Network Rail's proposed approach to Luronium natans, that an EPS Mitigation Licence is not required. Natural England state nevertheless that, should Luronium natans be discovered within the works area for the Scheme, then consideration should be given to the need for an EPS Mitigation Licence.

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Appendix 1

Butler, Pam

To: Gill, Matthew
Subject: RE: Natural England Response - TRU Huddersfield to Westtown (Dewsbury) – October 2021

From: Gill, Matthew <>
Sent: 29 October 2021 12:25
To: Butler, Pam <Pam.Butler@atkinsglobal.com>
Cc: Gardiner, Roxanne <>; Roberts, Karen <>; O'Reilly, Liam <>
Subject: RE: Natural England Response - TRU Huddersfield to Westtown (Dewsbury) – October 2021

Good Afternoon Pam,

CC Roxanne, Karen, Liam

RE: Natural England Response – TRU Huddersfield to Westtown (Dewsbury) – October 2021

Thanks for your time earlier on the phone. As discussed, please find attached Natural England's responses to the draft applications submitted in relation to the above scheme. We have provided Letters of Comfort in relation to the draft bat and badger applications; they should fulfil the same function as Letters of No Impediment, as required for NSIP schemes, in giving the relevant consenting authorities and the Secretary of State confidence that protected species licences should not impede the scheme. The bat Letter is accompanied by two FCS Reports with specific and further comments in, whereas detailed comments on the draft badger application are contained within the Letter itself.

Bats

Badgers

Luronium natans

I have reviewed the updated information on *Luronium* provided via email on 28th September, and I have no concerns with respect to the approach proposed. As detailed in previous correspondence and discussions, should *Luronium* be discovered within the works area for the Scheme, then consideration should be given to the need for a relevant EPS Mitigation Licence.

I hope the attached responses and information detailed within this email provide the necessary confidence with respect to protected species ahead of the Public Inquiry, but please do not hesitate to contact me if there is anything that I can clarify further.

Best regards,

Matt

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