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## BY EMAIL ONLY

Dear Mark

**Planning consultation:** Application for erection of 306m guyed lattice steel replacement mast, communications apparatus, anchor blocks, removal of redundant equipment, cabinets, heat exchanger compound and ancillary development thereto, laying of temporary access tracks, removal of access tracks and temporary change of use of agricultural field to provide construction staging area during construction phase – updated HRA

**Location:** Bilsdale Transmitting Station, Bilsdale Moor

Thank you for your consultation on the above dated 25 January 2022.

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.

### SUMMARY OF NATURAL ENGLAND'S ADVICE

#### NO OBJECTION

As a result of proposed changes to the scheme, Natural England agrees with the conclusion of your authority's updated Habitats Regulations Assessment, that the proposal will not result in an adverse effect on the integrity of the North York Moors SAC / SPA.

### THE CONSERVATION OF HABITATS AND SPECIES REGULATIONS 2017 (AS AMENDED)

Natural England notes that your authority, as competent authority, has undertaken a revised appropriate assessment of the proposal in accordance with regulation 63 of the Conservation of Species and Habitats Regulations 2017 (as amended) as a result of proposed changes to the scheme. Natural England is a statutory consultee on the appropriate assessment stage of the Habitats Regulations Assessment process.

Your appropriate assessment concludes that your authority is able to ascertain that the proposal will not result in adverse effects on the integrity of any of the north York Moors Special Area of Conservation / Special Protection Area. Having considered the assessment, and the measures

proposed to mitigate for all identified adverse effects that could potentially occur as a result of the proposal, Natural England advises that we concur with the assessment conclusions, providing that all mitigation measures are appropriately secured in any planning permission given. We are satisfied that the additional information provided by the applicant addresses the issues raised in our previous response.

Please note that if your authority is minded to grant planning permission contrary to the advice in this letter, you are required under Section 281 (6) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) to notify Natural England of the permission, the terms on which it is proposed to grant it and how, if at all, your authority has taken account of Natural England's advice. You must also allow a further period of 21 days before the operation can commence.

If you have any queries relating to the advice in this letter please contact Anne Armitstead on [redacted]. For any new consultations, or to provide further information on this consultation please send your correspondence to [redacted].

Please consult us again once the information requested above, has been provided.

Yours sincerely

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