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**To:** [Planning; Rob Smith](#)  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** RE: Land at Woodsmith Mine (formerly Doves Nest Farm & Haxby Plantation), Sneatonthorpe (minehead); underneath 252 km2 of the NYMNP (winning & working of minerals); a corridor extending underground from the edge of the NP boundary to Wilton Complex (mine  
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**Attachments:** [246561 Natural England Response.pdf](#)

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Dear Rob Smith,

Thank you for consulting Natural England on the above condition discharge application and apologies for any inconvenience caused by the delay in getting back to you. Further to our letter dated 04 May 2018 (our ref 244092), please find attached our further comments on conditions NYMNP-46, 47, 60 and 79 with regards to hydrology, hydrogeology and water quality.

Kind regards,

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Our ref: 246561  
Your ref: NYM/2018/0212/CVC



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**BY EMAIL ONLY**

Dear Mr Rob Smith

**Planning consultation:** Application for verification check of conditions 4, 18, 34, 45, 46, 47, 52, 57, 60, 68, 70, 73, 76, 79, 81, 87, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95 & 97 of planning approval NYM/2017/0505/MEIA  
**Location:** Land at Woodsmith Mine (formerly Doves Nest Farm & Haxby Plantation), Sneatonthorpe (minehead); underneath 252 km<sup>2</sup> of the NYMNPA (winning & working of minerals); a corridor extending underground from the edge of the NP boundary to Wilton Complex (mineral transport system); Ladycross Plantation near Egton, Lockwood Beck Farm near Moorsholm, Tocketts Lythe, near Guisborough (intermediate shaft sites); site within the eastern limits of the Wilton Complex, Teeside (tunnel portal)

Thank you for your consultation on the above dated 12 April 2018 which was received by Natural England on the same date.

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.

We have previously provided comments on the discharge of conditions in relation to this application for the verification check of conditions in our letter dated 04 May 2018 (our ref 244092). This letter represents our response to conditions NYMNPA-46, 47, 60 and 79 with regards to hydrology, hydrogeology and water quality which we were unable to comment on previously.

**Discharge planning conditions NYMNPA-46, 47, 60 and 79 with regards to hydrology, hydrogeology and water quality**

Natural England has previously raised concerns regarding the potential for hydrological impacts from the scheme on the adjacent North York Moors Special Area of Conservation (SAC), Special Protection Area (SPA) and Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). These concerns have been addressed by the information provided previously however we note that this proposal includes modifications to the proposed excavation process for the MTS shaft.

Natural England is broadly satisfied, provided the proposed monitoring & mitigation activities are continued as agreed. However we note that the Environment Agency requested further clarifications regarding these conditions, in their letter dated 03 May 2018 (their ref RA/2018/138472/01-L01) which we advise that you consider, along with any advice from the Agency, before concluding your assessment under the Habitats Regulations.

We would be happy to comment further on any additional information provided if you wish to consult us.

Yours sincerely

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