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**From:** Rob Smith  
**Sent:** 05 October 2017 08:56  
**To:** Planning  
**Subject:** FW: Woodsmith Mine (Formely Dove's Nest Farm & Haxby Plantation), , Sneatonthorpe, - NYM/2017/0505/MEIA



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**From:** Ash, Merlin (NE)  
**Sent:** 04 October 2017 15:58  
**To:** Rob Smith  
**Cc:** Robertson, Christine (NE)  
**Subject:** RE: Woodsmith Mine (Formely Dove's Nest Farm & Haxby Plantation), , Sneatonthorpe, - NYM/2017/0505/MEIA

Dear Rob Smith,

Regarding your query regarding our comment on water vole in our letter dated 10 August 2017 (our ref 221245) in response to consultation NYM/2017/0505/MEIA. Natural England can confirm that this comment was made in error. We have not assessed the application in detail in relation to protected species but do not have any significant concerns regarding water vole in this case.

Natural England has published Standing Advice on protected species. The Standing Advice includes a decision checklist which provides advice to planners on deciding if there is a 'reasonable likelihood' of protected species being present. It also provides detailed advice on the protected species most often affected by development.

You should apply our Standing Advice to this application as it is a material consideration in the determination of applications in the same way as any individual response received from Natural England following consultation.

We apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Yours sincerely,

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