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Thanks,

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Dear Michael

Thank you very much for consulting Natural England on the above application.

Although we agree with the conclusions we advise that as mitigation is wording is inaccurate as follows:

*This Appropriate Assessment concludes that there would be **no likely significant adverse effects** upon the Singleton and Cocking Tunnels SAC or the bat species associated with the site and functionally linked habitats.*

In order to comply with the requirement of the recent (2017) CJEU judgement 'People Over Wind and Sweetman vs. Coillte Teoranta (C-323/17)' This should read *no adverse impact on integrity* as the test for likely significant effect could not be met in the absence of mitigation.

I refer you to the [Sussex-Bat-SAC-Protocol.pdf](#) for further information

I hope that this information is helpful.

Yours sincerely

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