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Dear Andrew

Habitats Regulations Assessment of the Lower Swansea Valley Forest Resource Plan

Thank you for consulting the Strategic Assessment Team (SAT) on the Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) of the Lower Swansea Valley Forest Resource Plan (FRP). Our comments are made in the context of our role as the Appropriate Nature Conservation Body (ANCB) under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended).

Please note that these comments relate only to the HRA aspect of the FRP, and the proposals therein. They do not relate to the appropriateness of any other aspects of the project or the proposals it includes.

We agree with the conclusion that there are no impact pathways from the forest block covered by the FRP and from any of the works proposed to any National Site Network (NSN) sites, and that therefore HRA is not required in this instance.

We hope that you find these comments useful. If you would like to discuss any of these points further please do not hesitate to contact me via the Strategic Assessment mailbox at strategic.assessment@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk

Yours sincerely



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