

Thank you for your consultation.

The application is for new residential accommodation within the 15.4km zone of influence identified around [Cotswold Beechwoods Special Area of Conservation \(SAC\)](#). The consultation documents provided do not include information to demonstrate that the requirements of regulation 63 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended) have been considered by your authority, i.e. the consultation does not include a Habitats Regulations Assessment. Natural England advises that a Habitat Regulations Assessment is required as the proposal has the potential to impact the SAC.

It is Natural England's advice that the proposal is not directly connected with or necessary for the management of the European site. Your authority should therefore determine whether the proposal is likely to have a significant effect on any European site, proceeding to the Appropriate Assessment stage where significant effects cannot be ruled out. Natural England must be consulted on any appropriate assessment your authority may decide to make. Please note that the usual 21 day deadline will apply on receipt of the consultation.

Kind regards

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