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Dear Consultee

Habitats Directive: consultation on draft guidance on the application of article 6(4)

Alternative solutions, imperative reasons of overriding public interest (IROPI) and compensatory measures

1. I am writing to invite views on guidance on the application of article 6(4) tests of the Habitats Directive: alternative solutions, imperative reasons of overriding public interest (IROPI) and compensatory measures.
2. The following documents may be found on Defra's website www.defra.gov.uk/consult:
 - Consultation document
 - Draft guidance
 - List of consultees
3. We welcome your views and comments on the proposals. If you wish to obtain a copy of this consultation, please contact: Major Infrastructure and Environment Unit, Area 3B, Nobel House, 17 Smith Square, London, SW1P 3JR or HDImplementationreview@defra.gsi.gov.uk

Responses

4. Please send responses to:

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5. Responses should be received by 30 October 2012.

Consultation criteria

6. This consultation is in line with the Code of practice on Consultations. This can be found at www.bis.gov.uk/bre/
7. When this consultation ends, we intend to put a copy of the responses in the Defra library at Ergon House, London. This is so that the public can see them. Also,



members of the public may ask for a copy of responses under freedom of information legislation.

8. If you do not want your response - including your name, contact details and any other personal information – to be publicly available, please say so clearly in writing when you send your response to the consultation. Please note, if your computer automatically includes a confidentiality disclaimer, that won't count as a confidentiality request.
9. Please explain why you need to keep details confidential. We will take your reasons into account if someone asks for this information under freedom of information legislation. But, because of the law, we cannot promise that we will always be able to keep those details confidential.
10. We will summarise all responses and place this summary on our website at www.defra.gov.uk/consult. This summary will include a list of names of organisations that responded but not people's personal names, addresses or other contact details.
11. To see consultation responses and summaries, please contact the library at:

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12. Please give the library 24 hours' notice. There is a charge for photocopying and postage.
13. If you have any comments or complaints about the consultation process, please address them to Defra Consultation Co-ordinator, Area 2D, Ergon House, Horseferry Road, London. SW1P 2AL, or email consultation.coordinator@defra.gsi.gov.uk.
14. Thank you for your help in this matter. If you have any queries please contact us as above.

Yours faithfully,

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