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Dear Mr Scurfield

MINERAL PLANNING APPLICATION: EASTROP FARM, HIGHWORTH

Thank you for your consultation of 6th March 1997.

There are no statutory nature conservation sites designated within your proposal area. Highmoor Copse is, however, a non-statutory County Wildlife Site selected on the basis of its ancient woodland. You should refer to the County Wildlife Sites Officer at the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust for further advice pertaining to this site.

It is likely that protected species may inhabit the area, particularly bats and badgers. English Nature advise that you commission appropriate survey works so that provision may be made for such species prior to any site operations commencing.

Mineral exploitation presents opportunities for nature conservation as well as challenge. I would advise, therefore, that nature conservation be considered a priority for post-operative land-use, and that thought be given to imaginative habitat creation schemes at an early state. The Wiltshire Wildlife Trust would, I feel sure, be happy to assist you with this.

If you require further information on the above please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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