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**EXAMINATION INTO THE SOUNDNESS OF THE HARTLEPOOL LOCAL PLAN**

23 May 2017

Mr Michael Miller  
Natural England  
Lancaster House  
Hampshire Court  
Newcastle Upon Tyne  
NE4 7YH

Dear Mr Miller

**Examination into the soundness of the Hartlepool Local Plan**

The Inspector is inviting Natural England to assist in his examination of the Hartlepool Local Plan in terms of helping to answer questions relating to the Habitats Regulations Assessment of the Plan. Please find attached a copy of the guidance notes and draft programme highlighting two sessions where the Inspector considers Natural England's input and advice would be helpful.

The Inspector's matters and questions will be published in due course and you will be notified when this occurs.

The Inspector is not requiring Natural England to prepare a hearing statement.

If you could please let me know whether or not, you are able to attend by Friday 9 June that would be helpful.

Yours sincerely

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