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Dear Martin

Habitats Regulations Assessment of the Coed y Brenin, Ffridd Carmel section, coupe 21692 Forest Design Plan amendment

Thank you for consulting the Strategic Assessment Team (SAT) on the Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) of the Coed y Brenin, Ffridd Carmel section, coupe 21692 Forest Design Plan (FDP) amendment. Our comments are made in the context of our role under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017.

Note that these comments relate only to the HRA aspect of the FDP, and only in relation to activities proposed in the area covered by the amendment. They do not relate to the appropriateness of any other aspects of the FDP or the proposals it contains.

Please note that this response will be published on the Natural Resources Wales external website.

In summary, we agree with the conclusion that the FDP amendment does not require HRA as there are no impact pathways to any European sites.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require any further information or clarification via the Strategic Assessment mailbox at strategic.assessment@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk

Yours sincerely



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