

Norfolk Wildlife Trust - Further Statements on Inspectors' Matters, January 2022

Matter 1, Issue 3, Q1 : Has the Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) been undertaken in accordance with the Regulations and is it robust?

- 1. Has the final Norfolk Green Infrastructure and Recreational Avoidance and Mitigation Strategy (GIRAMS) been approved and adopted by the respective Norfolk local planning authorities? If not, when is it anticipated that this is likely to happen?*

We understand that significant progress has been made with the GIRAMS since our previous Regulation 18 consultation response but remain concerned that a complete GIRAMS is not in place at this late stage in the plan process. We understand from discussion with Natural England that a completed GIRAMS is anticipated shortly and trust that all parties involved recognise the need for its completion prior to adoption of the plan. Without a completed GIRAMS there remains a risk to the soundness of the Plan due to the need for compliance with the Habitats Regulations over avoidance of visitor pressure impacts on European Sites.

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