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Dear Mr Rendell, Mrs Hart

Planning consultation: PORTLAND ENERGY RECOVERY FACILITY REPORT TO INFORM APPROPRIATE ASSESSMENT (17 February 2023)

Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.

Thank you for your consultation dated 17/2/2023 on the above document. This letter represents Natural England's advice under Regulation 63 (3) of The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017.

Natural England agree with the scope of the Report as set out in paragraph 3.2.3.

Natural England agree with the Councils decision at paragraph 4.2.11 .

Natural England agree with the Reports conclusion at paragraph 7.5.1 .

Natural England agree with the Reports conclusion at paragraph 8.2.3 .

Natural England agree with the Reports conclusion at paragraph 9.1.2 .

Natural England agree with the Reports conclusion at paragraph 10.7.4 .

Natural England concur with the final conclusion of the Report set out in section 11.1, that the project will have **no adverse effect on the integrity** of the European sites either alone or in combination with other plans or projects in respect of those aspects which lie within the remit of Dorset Council.

Natural England has as yet not been consulted by the Environment Agency concerning their own assessment.

Yours sincerely

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