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**BY EMAIL ONLY**

Dear Mrs Balmer

**Planning consultation: Malton and Norton Neighbourhood Plan Habitats Regulations Assessment**

Thank you for your consultation on the above which was received by Natural England on 19 August 2020

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.

Overall Natural England agrees with the conclusions of the Malton and Norton Neighbourhood Plan Habitats Regulations Assessment. However notes the concerns raised in your email dated 19th August regarding the bandstand and Natural England recommends that this issue is looked into in more detail on how to control activities after dusk to protect the most sensitive time for Otters. We agree that further exploration is needed in relation to the ability to impose conditions on the timing of use/non-use of the bandstand, and whether this is feasible or references to the bandstand are removed.

We would be happy to comment further should the need arise but if in the meantime you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

For any queries relating to the specific advice in this letter only please contact Kate Wheeler on 07769918711. For any new consultations, or to provide further information on this consultation please send your correspondences to [consultations@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:consultations@naturalengland.org.uk).

Yours sincerely

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