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Hi all,

It has come to our attention that earlier in the year changes were made to the Nitrogen Deposition Critical Load Ranges in APIS. For example Heathlands have been lowered to 5 – 15 (previously the range was 10 - 20), Permanent oligotrophic waters: Softwater lakes lowered to 2-10 (previously 3-10). The Sweco Assessment of Air Quality Impacts European Sites in Staffordshire, Wolverhampton, Walsall, Sandwell, and Dudley is based on the old Nitrogen Deposition Critical Load Ranges in APIS. Natural England advises that any Local Plan currently at Regulation 19 stage can proceed with the current report using the old critical load ranges but that they should acknowledge that the critical loads have changed since the Air Quality was modelled. For Plans at other stages we advise that LPA's should ensure that their local plans reflect the current critical load ranges in APIS and that the Sweco Assessment of Air Quality Impacts European Sites in Staffordshire, Wolverhampton, Walsall, Sandwell, and Dudley Report should be updated to reflect the changes in the figures.

Kind regards

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From: [Redacted] >
Sent: 04 December 2024 11:59
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Final Air Quality Study Statement of Common Ground (SoCG)

Good morning All,

Please find attached the final SoCG for signing; thank you for all your input in getting the SoCG promptly finalised.

Please could you confirm your estimated timescales for signing. Once we have all signed a final PDF version will be issued for your records.

Kind regards and thanks,

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