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Hi Martin & Ruth

(ccs for info)

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Thanks for sending through the latest version of WP1. I have reviewed and discussed with Arwel. I think this version has addressed all the issues and sets a good foundation for remaining work packages. It would be useful of the reference to the Welsh TAN 6 (Technical Advice Note 6, Planning for Sustainable Rural Communities (2010) [Technical advice note \(TAN\) 6: planning for sustainable rural communities | GOV.WALES](#)) is referenced in the Minerals section, in particular Para 6.2.2 below:

“6.2.2 Planning authorities should bear in mind that, once land is built on, the restoration of semi natural and natural habitats and landscape features is rarely possible and usually expensive, and archaeological and historic features cannot be replaced. Also, once agricultural land is developed, even for ‘soft’ uses such as golf courses, its return to agriculture as best and most versatile agricultural land is seldom practicable.”

This was quoted in the recent Blackberry Lane case. Arwel and I both feel it should be quoted in the WP1 review.

Otherwise, I think this is a very useful document and I am happy to sign off, subject to the TAN 6 Paras inclusion (above). It's probably best if translation is done when all WPs are complete. My thanks to the authors.

I am reviewing the WP2a today and will send to Natural England for comment today or tomorrow.

Many thanks

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Hi Ian,

Please see WP1 (final) attached with changes as discussed with Ruth last week.

Regards,

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