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Sinead, Cliona,

I have a two-fold purpose in writing to you in connection with this licence.

Firstly, I wish to highly commend the submission made by the NPWS as part of the consultation process. It is one of the best submissions that I have read having viewed hundreds, if not thousands of submissions to forestry licences. If you can share the name of the author I would like to compliment them directly.

Secondly, and following on from that, is the abject failure of DAFM to take account of the key points made in the submission in the Appropriate Assessment Determination.

I would like to request that the NPWS gives serious consideration to appealing this decision. It would lay down a marker for the Forest Service in terms of the standard of assessment needed in terms of the implementation of the Hen Harrier Threat Response Plan.

The deadline for appeals (payment for which must be received by post) is 30th September which is a Monday so appeals would need to be either posted before the weekend or hand delivered to the FAC mailbox in Portlaoise on the Monday.

Kind regards,

Neil Foulkes