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Dear Mr [REDACTED]

A27 Arundel Bypass Scheme

I am writing to confirm that we have now completed our search for the information, which you requested on 27 January 2019.

Natural England is the only statutory body that provided advice in regards to the tree planting ratios deemed necessary for the loss of ancient woodland which can be found below:

“I have advised that ancient woodland loss should be avoided and that, under the NPPF, compensation is a last resort when all other options have been exhausted. Option 5b provides a scheme to avoid this impact. As we discussed at the meeting, if a decision is reached that requires compensation for ancient woodland loss, I am concerned that a 7:1 ratio for ancient woodland in this location is unlikely to be sufficient. I note that you are aware that the HS2 scheme proposed a 30:1 ratio and that you had factored a 30:1 ratio into your costings, but that the 7:1 ratio was deemed the likely cost.”

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