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Dear Mr Gleave

Three Nooks Farm Gas to Power Project: Pre-Application Consultation (Phase 2)

Thank you for your consultation on the above dated 26 January 2012 and received by Natural England on 26 January 2012.

I can confirm that within 2 km of this site there are the following local sites: Troughstone Hill, The Sprink, Cliff Wood, Cliff Wood (east of) and Shirkley Wood. There are also the following ancient woodland inventory sites: Cliff Wood, Shirkley Wood, Heath Hey Wood, Spring Wood and an unnamed woodland near Sprinks Farm.

For further information on statutory sites for nature conservation we recommend that you look on the website Nature on the Map (www.natureonthemap.org.uk). This site enables web users to search for information about English wildlife sites and habitats on an interactive map. You might also find it helpful to look at the Multi-Agency Geographic Information for the Countryside (MAGIC) Project website (<http://magic.defra.gov.uk/>). Information from Defra, Natural England, Environment Agency, Forestry Commission and English Heritage is all collated in this website providing a useful service. Natural England's website, www.naturalengland.org.uk, also provides information that can be downloaded on SSSIs.

Natural England does not routinely hold detailed information on the distribution of species and habitats but forwards data it has to the appropriate local record centre (LRC). We advise that you direct this query and other similar queries in the future to the LRC, who will have the most comprehensive data records for the area.

For the Local Record Centre (LRC) in Stafford please contact:

[Staffordshire Ecological Record](#) (SER)

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Natural England has produced [Standing Advice for Protected Species](#) which provides advice for planners on deciding if there is “reasonable likelihood” of protected species being present. It also provides advice on survey and mitigation requirements. Though this advice is aimed at Local Planning Authorities, you may find it useful as it provides a guide to what Natural England expects the Local Planning Authority to consider in regards to protected species when determining a planning application.

I hope this information will help you complete your search and would encourage you to forward biological records you have to the appropriate Local Record Centre, so that they might be included in the data sets to enhance future information requests.

Yours sincerely

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