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Dear Mr Macholc,

Thank you for consulting us on the *EIA Scoping request for the installation of tunnelled pipework at the Bowland Section of the Haweswater Aqueduct and associated works* (ref Application 3/2019/0977) and *EIA scoping request for the installation of tunnelled pipework at the Marl Hill Section of the Haweswater Aqueduct and associated works* (ref Application 3/2019/0981).

We have reviewed the "Haweswater Aqueduct Resilience Programme: Proposed Bowland Section – EIA Scoping Report" (October 2019) with particular regard to chapters 7 (water environment), 9 (ecology) and 14 (communities and health).

We are satisfied that the scope for assessment of biodiversity interests is appropriate but would like to see the potential for impact on agri-environment schemes (e.g. Countryside Stewardship, Higher Level Stewardship) to be specifically addressed with regard to:

- The impact on the ability of agreement holders to deliver against existing agri-environment scheme obligations, and
- The impact on the eligibility of land to be entered into new agreements.

Kind regards,
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