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Dear Ms Shepherd

Access to information request – RFI 1786

I have been asked to respond to your recent question on blanket bog drainage which we received on 17 November 2012, in relation to the March 2012 Consent for Walshaw Moor Estate Ltd. Your request has been considered under Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

The drainage you refer to is deemed to fall under the terms of the Consent as maintenance of existing infrastructure and therefore does not need further permissions. In cases such as these it is considered that this drainage would have limited effect as its efficacy is limited by the wider grip blocking programme and therefore Natural England has confidence that it would not have a significant impact on the wider area of blanket bog or hinder its recovery.

I feel a telephone conversation may be a more expedient way of addressing your questions and would be pleased if you would prefer to contact me to agree a mutually convenient time to discuss the matter further.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. As you may be aware, under the legislation should you have any concerns with the service you have received in relation to your requests and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, please contact me and I'll arrange for a colleague to conduct an internal review. Under Regulation 11(2) this needs to be done no later than 40 working days after the date of this letter.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by Natural England. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Telephone: 01625 545 700, www.ico.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Keatley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

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