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Our ref: TO 2023 59 Sep Land at Fenwick, Doncaster, South  
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Dear [REDACTED]

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (AGRICULTURE) (ENGLAND) (NO. 2)  
REGULATIONS 2006 ("THE REGULATIONS")**

**[REDACTED] PARCELS:**

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Further to my previous contact with you in connection with the above Regulations, I am writing regarding work that has been carried out in the above parcels. As I explained to you, where our attention is drawn to works that have been carried out which may fall within the scope of the Regulations, Natural England must consider whether the operations would have required consent and whether any further action is necessary.

The work carried out by you is understood to have involved physical cultivation of grassland.

Having considered the work undertaken, we have concluded that, in the light of the information available, the project carried out and the type of land affected would most probably have fallen within the scope of the Regulations, requiring a screening application by yourself prior to work being started.

This is because the land appears to have included more than two hectares of land that is recorded as a semi natural area, SNA as it is within the priority habitat inventory as Coastal/ Floodplain and Grazing Marsh and the work carried out has increased the productivity of the land for agriculture.

Having given careful consideration to this matter, we do not wish to take any further action on this occasion, as it would appear that the work carried out has not had a significant effect on the environment. Although we found evidence of curlew breeding in the vicinity, there were no specific records on your land. I apologise for the time taken, reviewing bird records took longer than anticipated.

If a screening decision had been submitted, Natural England would not have required you to obtain consent from us before carrying out the work.

Nevertheless, may I take this opportunity to draw your attention again to the Regulations, by referring you to the guidance which is available online at the address at the bottom of this letter. If you need a paper copy, please contact the EIA helpline.

It is important when planning any future work on land that you own or manage that you consider whether the proposed operations affect land that may fall within the scope of the Regulations and if so, the procedures that you need to follow.

The EIA procedures are intended to help farmers and others responsible for land management to consider the environmental effects of changing the way that they use their land and are designed to support other environmental initiatives like Environmental Stewardship, as well as reinforcing good farming practices like Defra's Codes of Good Agricultural Practice for the Protection of Soil, Water and Air.

Natural England are required to share information regarding this incident with the Rural Payments Agency.

Please let me know if you wish to discuss any aspect of this letter further. I apologise again for any stress caused by our initial communication; we take all feedback seriously and I have revised my approach for future cases.

Yours sincerely



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