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**BY EMAIL ONLY**

Dear Sarah

**Taw Torridge Estuary SSSI**

**ASSENT OF NATURAL ENGLAND UNDER SECTION 28H OF THE WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981 (AS AMENDED)**

Natural England assents to the operations specified in your notice of 08.12.2020 under S28H of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) as attached.

This assent covers the period 10.12.2020 – 31.03.2021.

Please note the important information about this assent below.

I draw your attention to your duty, under section 28G of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, as inserted by the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000, to take reasonable steps, consistent with the proper exercise of your functions, to further the conservation and enhancement of the SSSI.

As discussed, it would be good practice to advise anyone requesting permission to harvest the newly laid intertidal mussels about the locations of the nearby high tide bird roosts so that they can be avoided when accessing the site.

In addition, monitoring the intertidal and subtidal success of the pilot in its first year is advised. Natural England would be very interested in the results of any such monitoring.

For any queries relating to the content of this letter please contact me using the details provided below.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M Parker".

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### **Important information about this assent**

If you wish to change the proposed operations or their location or to carry out additional operations for which assent has not yet been given, or if a time period set out above has expired, you must give further written notice to Natural England. Before doing so, you can seek advice from Natural England.

You may face enforcement action if you undertake unauthorised operations which destroy, damage or disturb the notified features of special scientific interest.

Before undertaking the operations specified in this assent, you may also need to get additional permissions from other authorities. For example, the assented operations might also require planning permission from the Local Planning Authority, a permit from the Environment Agency or a licence from the Forestry Commission. It is your responsibility, as the grantee of this assent, to ensure that no other permissions or consents, whether of a public or a private nature, are needed and, if any are needed, to acquire them before you exercise this assent.

This is Natural England's assent only, and it does not allow you to undertake the specified operations without first having obtained all of the necessary permissions needed to undertake the operation lawfully. If you do not obtain all of the permissions you require, and carry out the work anyway, you may face enforcement action from other authorities or parties.

As the grantee of this assent, you are responsible for carrying out the assented operation(s) safely and in all ways according to the law.