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[by email]

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Dear Job,

Monitor of Engagement with the Natural Environment (MENE) - National Statistic Compliance Check

Thank you for meeting with the Natural England team in relation to the Compliance Check of MENE. I understand that you discussed the MENE Review and transition to a new People and Nature Survey.

The MENE survey ended in February 2019 and results have been published on Gov.UK. Following user engagement, the team are developing a new People and Nature survey that will build on and replace MENE. The People & Nature Survey for England will, like MENE, aim to collect data on people's experiences and attitudes towards the natural world. It is designed to meet the needs of a range of MENE users, new users and provide data for the Government's 25 Year Environment Plan Indicator Framework. The People & Nature Survey will be a new dataset, with some new questions alongside some from MENE, and will use an online panel method to collect data.

Data collection for the new People & Nature Survey will begin in April 2020, with the first annual release in autumn 2021. Given the significant changes to survey design and method, we propose publishing the first statistical release as Experimental Statistics. We intend to ultimately achieve National Statistics status for the new survey, and aim to undergo assessment shortly after the first statistics are published. The experimental phase

will allow us to better understand and mitigate for any impacts in relation to trust, quality and value in relation to the transition.

Do get in touch if you require any further information.

Yours

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ken Roy', is centered on a light green rectangular background.

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