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**Ed Humpherson, Director General for Regulation**

Ian Lonsdale  
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(by email)

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Dear Ian

**Assessment of statistics from the People and Nature Survey for England**

Following [our assessment](#) of statistics from the [People and Nature Survey for England](#) produced by Natural England, we set out four requirements that we judged that you needed to meet in order for these statistics to become [accredited official statistics](#). Accredited official statistics are called National Statistics in the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007.

We have independently reviewed the actions that your team has taken to address these requirements. On behalf of the Board of the UK Statistics Authority, I am pleased to confirm that they comply with the standards of trustworthiness, quality and value in the [Code of Practice for Statistics](#) and should be labelled accredited official statistics.

We have been impressed with your team's engagement and willingness to address these requirements.

I am copying this letter to Lindsey Clothier, Deputy Head of Profession for Statistics at DEFRA, and to the team at Natural England – Tom Marshall, Caitlin Clark, and Sergio Milheiras.

Yours sincerely



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