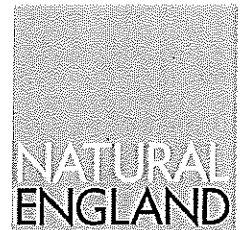
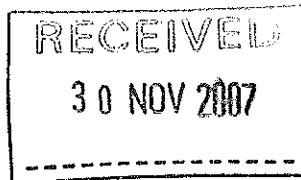


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Dear Paul

MOORHALL MARSH - PROPOSED LOCAL NATURE RESERVE (LNR)

Thank you for your letter dated 16 November 2007.

Natural England welcomes your proposed addition of Moorhall Marsh as part of the Local Nature Reserve (LNR) sites within Wyre Forest District.

The site is quite small, as we normally recommend sites are greater than 2ha in size but it does appear to meet the other conditions that we look for in LNRs.

Wetlands in particular are important habitats and have suffered serious decline in recent years, so any addition in the LNR series to conserve such habitats would be most welcome. You have shown that the site is capable of being managed for the conservation of nature and offers opportunities for local study, research or enjoyment of nature.

It is clearly of high natural interest in the local context and well supported by the local community for the informal enjoyment of nature. This in particular is to be welcomed within the more urban setting of Stourport-on-Severn.

I am happy to provide Natural England's support to the proposal and look forward to seeing the site formally declared and added to the local LNR series of sites.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Bingham".

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