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Summary CV

Caroline is an experienced specialist in the transposition, application, implementation and interpretation of, and compliance with, the Birds and Habitats Directives. She has also developed a specialist interest in air pollution effects on ecosystems. Caroline has a B.Sc. (Hons) degree in Biochemistry from the University of Bath and was awarded a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Environmental Plant Biochemistry by the University of Reading, in 1999.

Caroline worked as an Area Habitats Directive Coordinator with the Environment Agency Thames Region from 2000 to 2002. She then joined English Nature, later to become Natural England, as the Regional Review of Consents Officer coordinating Natural England's input to the Environment Agency's review of consents work for the Southern region under the provisions of the Habitats Regulations 1994. This required the provision of technical and procedural advice and training to local staff, liaison between the Agency and Natural England at a regional level, and developing a command of the implementation and interpretation of EC Directives across a broad range of regulatory procedures and project types.

During this time Caroline also developed an increasing knowledge and interest in the effects of air pollution on ecosystems, partly in relation to protected areas, such as European sites, but also across a broader range of Natural England case work.

In 2003 Caroline was promoted to a national role to project manage Natural England's input to the Environment Agency's review of consents project and also to provide senior specialist advice for Natural England's air pollution interests. In the role of coordinating Natural England's input to the review of consents, Caroline liaised with the Environment Agency and Countryside Council for Wales at national level. She was responsible for sign-off of relevant joint guidance; overseeing the development of relevant procedural, technical and policy guidance to staff; advising on the requirements for assessments at individual sites; resolving difficult casework in consultation with appropriate specialists and local staff and the provision of support and management to the Regional Review of Consents Officers. The role also included supervision and steering of research programmes aimed at developing standards and assessment criteria appropriate to assessments under the Habitats Regulations. Caroline was also lead author of the existing Natural England guidance on the concept of site integrity.

In her role of providing specialist advice on air pollution she was responsible for the promotion of air pollution policy both internally and externally with government departments and other agencies; development of policy and associated guidance and training to assist staff in areas of work affected by air pollution issues; provision of support to local staff and regional specialists on air pollution policy and casework; and representing the organisation on air pollution issues including membership of relevant groups. She held this dual post before becoming a full-time stay-at-home mother in 2007.

Between 2007 and 2009, Caroline provided independent consultancy services. She was sub-contracted to the European Commission on checking the conformity of measures of Member States to transpose the Birds and Habitats Directives in the context of complaint and infringement procedures. In addition she advised the Scotland and Northern Ireland Forum for Environmental Research (SNIFFER) on "Development of a methodology to summarise and track air-pollution effects on ecosystems at regional scales".

Caroline joined DTA in November 2009 to provide strong support for our work in the transposition, application, implementation and interpretation of, and compliance with, the Birds and Habitats Directives, to a wide range of competent authorities and statutory nature conservation agencies, including the provision of advice and training, the appraisal of plans and the commenting on and undertaking of Habitats Regulations assessments in a wide range of plans and projects across all sectors, throughout Britain.