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Sent: 11 December 2017 14:46

To: Graham Megson

Subject: RE: 171128, Hartlepool Local Plan HRA

Hi Graham

Apologies for not getting something back to you sooner.

I've now had a chance to look through the amended HRA, and can confirm that the recent amendments to the document do not alter our view of the conclusions. We agree that with appropriate mitigation as detailed in the HRA adverse effects on the integrity of the European sites can be avoided.

We welcome the inclusion of the additional text, and are of the view that it helps to strengthen the conclusions reached.

I hope this is sufficient for your needs; if there is anything more please let me know.

Regards

Andy

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Hi Andrew

I was chatting to my Local Plan team leader Matthew King this morning and mentioned being at the South Tyneside Local Plan HRA meeting yesterday. He says that the Hartlepool Local Plan Inspector has asked that we double check with NE that you are happy that none of the changes made to the HRA alter your position of support.

All of the key issues that were discussed during the consultation and Examination In Public have already been agreed by HBC and the changes to Local Plan paragraph text and policy wording have been made and will be submitted as 'main modifications' for the next public consultation stage. Would you be okay to check through the amended HRA and confirm that you are still satisfied? (Hopefully our changes have made the Local Plan stronger). A paragraph would be fine, saying that your position has not changed.

All of the HRA changes are in red text and underlined, so it is easy to pick them out (see attached doc). FYI, I have also attached the note I sent to RSPB, roughly explaining how we have dealt with their concerns.

Thanks and best wishes

Graham

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