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Mr. David Hogger
Inspector

Dear Mr. Hogger,

North Dorset Local Plan Issue 7: Blandford (policy 16) – Note from the Inspector dated 2/02/15

Thank you for your note clarifying the approach to be taken towards the consideration of strategic residential allocations at Blandford in response to our concerns raised with the Programme Officer. After careful consideration we find that it provides us with a degree of comfort.

However, we note that the Crown Meadows were rejected on heritage issues, which The Crown Estate refutes claiming that they were inadequately researched by English Heritage thus rendering the revised Plan “unsound”. This being the case, we were surprised to note that English Heritage is not attending the hearing and the case for rejecting the Crown Meadows would be handled by NDDC alone. We are concerned that the absence of English Heritage support appears to present the Crown Estate with an unfair advantage. This is an important issue and we would like to know why English Heritage will not be available, if required, to provide guidance on heritage policies.

I will attend the hearing as a member of the public.

Yours sincerely,

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Chairman

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