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**BY EMAIL ONLY**

Dear David

**NORTH DORSET LOCAL PLAN EXAMINATION - Additional Mid Hearing Written Material**

Thank you for consulting Natural England on the North Dorset Local Plan additional written material. Your email was received by Natural England on 30 April 2015.

Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.

**Document Reference: MHD003 - MHD0011**

Natural England has no comment on the additional submitted material.

**Document Reference: MHD012 - Note on the ecological issues surrounding development at Blandford and the impact on the SSSI.**

Natural England supports the proposed amendments set out in MHD012 Section 1 as a means of ensuring the protection of the greater horseshoe bats at the Bryanston Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI).

**Document Reference: MHD0013 - MHD0014**

Natural England has no comment on the additional submitted material.

**Document Reference: MHD015 - Confirmation from Natural England as to the need for a Habitat Regulations Assessment of the Master Plan Framework**

Given that the strategic allocations in the North Dorset Local Plan have been subject to a Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA), Natural England has no objection to the proposed removal of the requirement for a further HRA in support of the Master Plan Framework for the Gillingham Southern Extension.

**Document Reference: MHD016 - Note on landscape appraisal of land at Higher Blandford Road, Shaftesbury.**

Natural England notes and supports the findings of the landscape impact assessment of land at Higher Blandford Road, Shaftesbury.

**Document Reference: MHD017 - MHD018**

Natural England has no comment on the additional submitted material.

For any queries relating to the specific advice in this letter please contact John Stobart on [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely

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