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Dear Marc

**SCREENING FOR APPROPRIATE ASSESSMENT - UPDATE
EC HABITATS DIRECTIVE (COUNCIL DIRECTIVE 92/43/EEC)
LONDON BOROUGH OF HILLINGDON LOCAL PLAN PART 2: REVISED
PROPOSED SUBMISSION VERSION**

Please find below a brief update to the Council's Screening for Appropriate Assessment for the above document.

In summary, the Council boundary does not include any Natura 2000 or Ramsar sites and therefore the only impacts to be considered in relation to appropriate assessment relate to indirect impacts.

The Local Plan Part 2 Proposed Submission Version September 2014 was subject to public consultation from September 2014 to November 2014. Alongside the preparation of the Local Plan documents, the Council carried out a Screening for Appropriate Assessment, which considered the impact of the Local Plan Part on Natura 2000 and Ramsar sites in accordance with the Habitats Directive. A copy of this has been attached for ease of reference.

Since then, a number of changes have been made to the Local Plan Part 2 documents to take account of changes to the London Plan that have taken effect in March 2015, emerging evidence base studies, officer recommendation and consultation responses.

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These are set out in the Local Plan Part 2 Revised Proposed Submission Version October 2015.

A revised Local Plan Part 2 is now out for consultation and the relevant documentation can be found at www.hillingdon.gov.uk/lpp2.

Summary of Changes

The proposed changes are marked in red in the documents and, in summary, include the following amendments.

- Additional housing sites providing increased overall residential capacity on allocation sites;
- Additional land designations for hotel and office growth as well as safeguarding areas for railheads and changes to the Nature Conservation Sites proposed for designation; and
- Changes to the wording of policies; the merging and consolidation of detailed development management policies; the inclusion of policies in relation the importation of waste, trees and landscaping, re-use and recycling of aggregates.

Review of the revised Local Plan Part 2 documents

The Council has reviewed the documents that form part of the Local Plan Part 2 Revised Proposed Submission Version October 2015. The review considered whether the proposed changes would alter the individual or cumulative impacts of the site allocations and development management policies on the European sites that are designated under the Habitats Directive and identified in Stage 1 of Screening for Appropriate Assessment 2014.

Given the protection afforded by the policies, in particular the environmental policies (DMEI) and the distance of the Natura 2000 sites and Ramsar Sites from the Borough, there is no need to alter the conclusions from the previous screening assessment.

We welcome written confirmation that Natural England shares the position of the Council. In the meantime, should you wish to discuss any of the above further, or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me using the details at the foot of the first page.

Yours sincerely

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