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Dear Tim

**Re: – Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) Update of the Chippenham Site Allocations Plan**

I have now reviewed the Final Main Modification proposed to the Chippenham Site Allocations Plan by the Inspector in his report of 21 February 2017 with regards to any implications for the conclusions of the Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) screening assessment previously carried out by the Council<sup>1</sup>. Having reviewed the proposed modifications I am satisfied that they would not materially affect the conclusions.

In reviewing the conclusions of the HRA I have also had regard to potential in-combinations effects from other plans and projects which have come forward since the HRA was carried out, particularly major planning applications at the town, and I am satisfied that they would not give rise to likely significant effects in-combination with the Plan. I have also had regard to recent relevant survey information for the allocated sites which has been submitted to the Council and I am satisfied that it does not alter the conclusions of the HRA.

In conclusion I am satisfied that the conclusions of the HRA remain sound and that the Plan would not have any significant effects on European sites (Natura 2000), and as such no appropriate assessment of the Plan is required.

Yours sincerely,



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<sup>1</sup> Chippenham Site Allocation Plan: Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) Screening, June 2015 and Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) Update of the Chippenham Site Allocations Plan, April 2016