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Subject: Dear Chris Natural England's further comments following Hearing 2

Following a query from the Inspector which has been relayed to us by Woking Borough Council, Natural England would like to make the following brief additional comments.

Natural England's formal representation (08/03/12) in which we confirmed satisfaction with the Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) of the Core Strategy was based upon review of the Submission Version Core Strategy and the December 2011 version of the HRA – our understanding is that these both represent the most up to date iterations of each document. If, following the Examination, any material changes are proposed to the Core Strategy then further consideration under the Habitats Regulations may be required. For example, during Surrey Heath Borough Council's EiP the Inspector raised concern around low housing numbers, the Council consulted on further housing options and this consultation was supported by a revised HRA.

Natural England would be happy to respond to any further relevant queries which may arise as a result of the Hearings.

Regards

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