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29 July 2014

Dear Andrew

Strategic Planning Committee Meeting – 30 July 2014

I am sorry that due to existing diary commitments that I am unable to attend tomorrow's Strategic Planning Committee Meeting in Salisbury when the Army Rebasing Masterplan will be discussed.

I know from my conversations and correspondence locally that there is largely universal support for the Master plan process, and the proposed outcomes, and I know that many local people are very optimistic about the opportunities that Rebasing provides for our local communities and the economy.

I am aware that concerns remain about local infrastructure provision, especially local roads and the A303. I am pleased that the Government has included the A303 as one of the potential projects in the six feasibility studies on the strategic road network that were announced following the Spending Review in 2013.

www.gov.uk/government/publications/strategic-road-network-the-scope-of-6-feasibility-studies

I understand that the timetable will now move forward to an assessment of the infrastructure options and then full cost/benefit cases by the Autumn. As you may know, my Department for Transport Colleague, Robert Goodwill MP has the Roads portfolio and I will of course take the opportunity to continue to ensure that he is fully appraised of the local situation.

Please extend my thanks to those who have been involved in the Masterplan process and please do let me know if I can help in any way as developments progress.

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Yours sincerely

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Cllr Mark Connolly, Wiltshire Council

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Dear Giles

Having reviewed the draft DIO environmental commitments we have made a few amendments (please see attached, amendments in red). However Natural England is satisfied that DIO is committed to reducing impacts from the development as well as existing impacts that their activities are having on designated sites and wider environment. We are therefore happy that Wiltshire Council endorses the ABP Salisbury Plain Masterplan.

Kind regards

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30/07/2014

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Regards

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The DIO will assess the implication of the Joint Nature Conservation Committee flow targets and methodology and identify and agree any additional mitigation that may be required in the long-term to meet the conservation objectives of the River Avon SAC with NE and EA.

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DIO will assess the potential effects of the new crossing on the Nine Mile River and on the River Avon downstream, including on water quality and stream flow. Appropriate mitigation, which may include further surveys and monitoring during operation, will be developed and agreed with EA and NE.

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Appropriate references to the river (plus great crested newt) being notified features of the Salisbury Plain SSSI will be included in planning applications.

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The Masterplan (strategic-level) HRA itself will incorporate consultation comments, including those on stone curlew disturbance and hydrology. Any mitigation required will be agreed with relevant authorities and will include full details and timescales where appropriate.

This will be used to support individual project-level HRAs as required, in support of planning applications.

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Planning Obligations

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Thank you for your email. I can confirm the Environment Agency would be happy to endorse the Army Basing Programme Salisbury Plain Masterplan, based on the attached draft DIO environmental commitments. Please note I have provided some amendments to your draft document to hopefully further clarify the discussion held during our meeting on Monday.

I have also had a brief discussion with Dianne Matthews (NE) regarding the draft commitments document. We are happy with their proposed amendments, which Dianne will send to you separately.

I hope this is useful, but please contact me if you have any queries.

Regards

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