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Dear Ian,

Wiltshire Council Housing Site Allocation Plan Examination – Site 2.4 Church Lane

Thank you for your email regarding the WHSAP Examination. In addition to my previous letter dated 20/2/19, I would like to add to Matter 1 and Matter 3 raised by the Inspector:

Matter 1: Legal Compliance, Duty to cooperate, Sustainability Appraisal and consultation

1.5 Have the Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) and relevant addenda been carried out in accordance with the appropriate Regulations?

The Draft Trowbridge Bat Mitigation Strategy was made available for public consultation on 21/2/2109. This would now comply with WC legal obligations regarding HRA. However, the recommendations regarding suitable sites for development have already been made in the WHSAP without the conclusions from the Bat Strategy having been made. Wiltshire Council were fully aware of the issues surrounding bats before the preparation of the WHSAP due to planning applications and development at Green Lane.

I would therefore like to ask whether the council will be reviewing the viability of all sites based on these recommendations and would therefore question the soundness of the plan.

Yours sincerely,

Rachel Hunt