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**Planning Inspector's note response- Appeal Ref: APP/A1720/W/21/3271412  
Land to the South of Romsey Avenue, Fareham**

This note has been prepared in response to the Planning Inspector's pre-inquiry note dated 4<sup>th</sup> August 2021. The following text from the inspector's note is relevant;

*"I also note that Chapter 10 'Ecology & Biodiversity' of the revised ES refers to the Fareham Local Plan and policies NE1, NE2, NE3 & NE4. These policies would seem to be those within the emerging Local Plan. Could the appellant please confirm that the ES is incorrect in terms of reference to these policies."*

I can confirm that the adopted policies were erroneously omitted from ES Chapter 10. Reference to Adopted Core Strategy Policy CS4 and Local Plan Part 2 policies DSP13 and DSP40 should have been made and discussed within the chapter. However, these policies are discussed in full in my Proof of Evidence document (paragraphs 9.12 to 9.19 refer).

The ES Chapter 10 includes reference to policies NE1, NE2, NE3 and NE4 of the emerging Regulation 19 consultation draft local plan. These policies were included to futureproof the assessment of the Site. These policies develop the existing Local Plan policy CS4, by including provisions for new local policy, such as Solent Bird Aware contributions and emerging national policy, such as 10% Biodiversity Net Gain. We therefore believe that the inclusion of these policies within Chapter 10 of the ES is appropriate to the overall site assessment.

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