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Dear Rachel Murtagh

Duty to Co-operate – Redcar & Cleveland Local Plan

Thank you for your letter under the Duty-to-Cooperate with recommendations for the Redcar & Cleveland Local Plan. As requested I am writing to confirm how we intend to implement your recommendations.

The Local Plan was formally submitted to the Secretary of State on Wednesday 19th April. The Secretary of State will now appoint a Planning Inspector to conduct an Examination to determine whether the Plan is sound.

Submission Documents include the Publication Local Plan and separate schedules of recommended Main and Additional Modifications. In response to TVNP recommendations, changes to the Local Plan have been proposed as Main and Additional Modifications. Extracts from the Modification Schedules are detailed in the attached table.

Main Modifications to the Local Plan will require an additional period of consultation before the Plan can be adopted. We intend to undertake this consultation at the close of the Examination's hearing sessions and any responses received to those Main Modifications will assist the Inspector in completing his/her final report.

We look forward to continued partnership working with the TVNP, including on the future areas identified in your letter. If you would like to discuss this matter in more detail please feel free to contact the Planning Strategy Team using the details listed at the top of this letter.

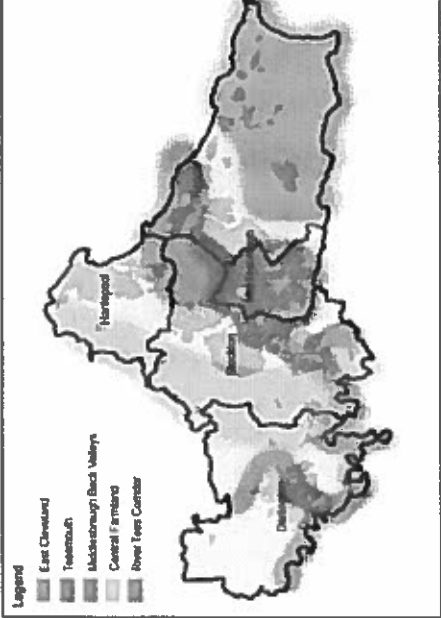
Yours Sincerely

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Extract from Schedule of Proposed Main Modifications to the Publication Local Plan (April 2017)

Ref	Page No.	Paragraph / Policy	Proposed Modification	Justification
MM50	194	7.34 (N4)	<p>It is important to consider biodiversity at the design stage, including where development is on brownfield land. Areas of biodiversity on brownfield land should be retained and enhanced alongside any remediation of contamination, where possible.</p>	<p>To provide additional clarification as recommended by the Tees Valley Nature Partnership (TVNP).</p>
MM51	194-195	7.36(N4)	<p>The Tees Valley Nature Partnership has produced preliminary results through the Tees Valley Natural Network and Opportunity Mapping programme. This has identified four opportunity areas within the borough, the Tees Corridor, Teesmouth, East Cleveland and Middlesbrough Beck Valleys. We will support any future opportunities identified to improve biodiversity and good diversity in these areas.</p> <p><u>The Tees Valley Nature Partnership have identified five broad landscape types within the Tees Valley, four of which are present in Redcar and Cleveland, as illustrated on the diagram. Biodiversity Opportunity Areas (BOAs) comprise the key areas for potential biodiversity enhancement within these larger areas where targeted maintenance, restoration, creation, mitigation and offsetting measures should be adopted to enhance biodiversity, and in turn help to deliver a wide range of ecosystem services. Collectively the BOAs form a strategic network, representing a significant environmental asset for the Tees Valley.</u></p>	<p>Update to reflect continued work by TVNP, as recommended by TVNP.</p>

			 <p>Legend</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> East Cleveland Teesmouth Middleborough/Black Valleys Central Farmland River Tees Corridor <p>TVNP priorities are to:</p> <p>1: <u>Protect and enhance the geodiversity and biodiversity of the Tees Valley ensuring the conservation, restoration and creation of key landscapes and habitats, including mitigating and adapting to the impacts of climate change.</u></p> <p>2: <u>Work at a landscape scale to restore and deliver robust ecological networks that demonstrate a wide range of environmental, social and economic outcomes.</u></p>	<p>To provide additional clarification as recommended by the TVNP.</p>
MM52	195	7.37 (N4)	<p>The preservation, restoration, re-creation and recovery of local <u>and</u> national priority species and habitats will <u>also</u> be promoted, including the <u>creation or improvement of habitats to meet the objectives of the TVNP.</u></p>	

Extract from Schedule of Additional Modifications to the Publication Local Plan (April 2017)

Ref.	Page No.	Paragraph / Policy	Proposed Change	Justification
AM23	196	7.46 (N4)	...These criteria, which are based on Defra guidance, have been decided locally by the Tees Valley Local Sites Nature Partnership... The Tees Valley RIGS (Regionally Important Geological Sites) group advises the Local Site <u>Nature Partnership</u> ...	Factual correction to reflect updated structure of TVNP.
AM24	196	7.47 (N4)	The Local Plan will continue to protect these sites and encourage and support opportunities to enhance them, including working with the <u>Tees Valley Local Sites Nature Partnership</u> .	Factual correction to reflect updated structure of TVNP.