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## **HRA Implications of the Main Modifications to Hart Local Plan**

Dear Katie

AECOM has reviewed the Main Modifications (and Minor Modifications) to the Hart Local Plan, to ascertain any Habitat Regulations Assessment implications. We note that the Main Modifications include the following key elements:

- amendment of the Plan period to start at 2014 rather than 2016;
- accommodating just over 730 dwellings as unmet need from Surrey Heath;
- deletion of the new settlement Policy and new settlement references elsewhere in the Plan; and
- minor wording changes to Policy NBE4.

We note that the first two amendments do not result in the need for any additional housing sites in the Plan but are rather taking account of existing completions/commitments. In light of that, we are able to conclude that they will not change the conclusions of the Local Plan HRA regarding adverse effects on the integrity of European sites. The conclusion of no adverse effects on the integrity of European sites alone or in combination with other plans and projects therefore remains valid.

Yours sincerely,

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