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Dear Sir,

Mr Richard Allen

London Borough of Havering (20025659) – Response to Rule 17 Request to Make Changes to the Original Application (PD-020)

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the Rule 17 request for further information published by the ExA on 26th May 2021.

Having considered the Applicant's responses in Table 3.1 of REP7-029 to the comments LB Havering made at the recent Targeted Consultation concerning Change 8, we would welcome confirmation using Defra Biodiversity Metric v 2.0 that the quantity of compensatory woodland planting for this additional loss of priority habitat has taken into account the fact that The Grove lies within the Ingrebourne Valley SMI.

We therefore suggest that this should be confirmed by submission of the metric calculations to support the HE view of significance of this effect, as it is not obvious that this information has been considered in the calculations.

This evidence would inform whether the change falls within the assessment of the Environment Statement (ES) or not, however impacts on designated sites should be within scope. If the outcome does not change the significance from slight adverse then LB Havering would consider that this change does not affect the assessment of the ES.

LB Havering would consider that Change 8 does not constitute a material change to the Application.

Yours faithfully,

Daniel Douglas

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