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## STATEMENT OF COMMON GROUND WITH NATURAL ENGLAND

We are pleased to update you that a Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) has now been signed with Natural England (NE) and is attached with this letter for your attention. The SoCG is in a more concise format using a template provided by NE. NE would not sign a previous longer draft of the document.

Also attached, is a longer Briefing Paper on the Council's position with NE. This longer document includes more detail that has been removed from the final SoCG and is not endorsed or agreed with NE. It contains detail that the Council considers is still important in a wider context. For example, some of the other reasons for not carrying out a bespoke air quality assessment. Whilst the ERYC HRA's conclusions could solely be applied here, this might not be the case when we come to reviewing the Plan in years to come. In those circumstances we stand by the position that air pollution from cars on account of the Local Plan is reducing based on progress in the electrification of road traffic and move away from ICE and hybrid vehicles.

We are prepared to update our HRA based on the content of both documents now if the Inspectors would find this useful? Alternatively, we can wait on updating the HRA if and when the main modifications are ready to go out to consultation, which would presumably be after the hearing sessions?

Yours sincerely,



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