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Dear Mr Mss Dutton on behalf of the Inspector

Planning consultation: Mixed use development of up to 1,700 dwellings including affordable housing and care provision; 10,000sqm of employment space in the form of a business park; village centre with associated retail, commercial, community and health faculties; open space including the provision of suitable alternative natural green space (SANG); biodiversity enhancements; solar array, and new roads, access arrangements and associated infrastructure (Outline Application with all matters reserved apart from access off Hillbury Road)

Location: Land To The South Of Ringwood Road Alderholt

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Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.

Advice concerning water consumption at the application site

Further to our letter dated 3 July 2024 I am writing to confirm discussions with the applicants planning and ecological advisors.

It has been agreed that it would be inappropriate to require a condition reliant on the finalisation of an as yet draft Water Resources Management Plan.

It has been agreed that a requirement for new dwellings to have a water consumption rate of 85 litres per person per day is acceptable and that the applicant will submit a Water Conservation Strategy Plan (WRMP) for the whole application site prior to commencement as well as a Water Conservation Plan as each phase of development comes forward.

Natural England advises these details may be secured through a suitable legally binding agreement eg planning condition, with an informative note setting out : The current draft status WRMP and that due to water scarcity, the requirements of the Habitats Regulations and national policy (EIP), tighter limits may be required of later phases. This is just to acknowledge the issues and make sure future applicants are fully appraised of the situation.

I understand that the applicant is in agreement with this proposal and can therefore confirm to the Inspector that, for example a planning condition securing these matters allows, Natural England to advise that there will not be an adverse effect on the habitats (European) and internationally (Ramsar) protected sites at the River Avon from the application due to water quantity either alone or in-combination.

Natural England would therefore have **no objection** to the Inspector determining the application

favourably in respect of this matter.

Yours sincerely

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