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Dear Simon

Highland wide Local Development Plan: Supplementary Guidance Habitats Regulations Appraisal (HRA) Nairn South Strategic Masterplan

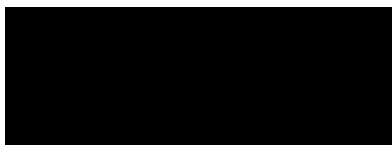
Thank you for sending us the finalised Habitats Regulations Appraisal Record in respect of the Nairn South Strategic Masterplan, which the Council wishes to adopt as Supplementary Guidance to the Highland-wide Local Development Plan.

This HRA Record includes mitigation in respect of the Inner Moray Firth SPA/Ramsar, Moray & Nairn Coast SPA/Ramsar and Moray Firth SAC sites to be able to conclude that there would be no likely significant effects on these sites as a result of the provisions of this masterplan. The mitigation has been incorporated into a revised version of the Supplementary Guidance, a copy of which has also been sent to us.

Accordingly we confirm that following earlier comments we are now content with the conclusions of the appraisal at this stage. Please note that if any further modifications to the Supplementary Guidance document are proposed, it will be necessary to rescreen the proposed changes for the likelihood of a significant effect on the qualifying interests of European sites. If any changes to the HRA Record are made, we will be pleased to advise further.

I hope this will be of assistance to you as you move forward to seek adoption of this strategic masterplan as statutory Supplementary Guidance to the Highland wide Local Development Plan. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Andrew Brown, Planning Adviser (andrew.brown@snh.gov.uk) in the first instance.

Yours sincerely



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