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Dear Ms Hollas,

**HIGHLAND WIDE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN - REQUEST FOR FURTHER INFORMATION –
HABITATS REGULATION APPRAISAL**

I write in response to the request for further information of 4 August 2011 in regard to the above.

I offer the following responses to the following questions submitted by the reporters;

1. Submission of the Habitats Regulations Appraisal (HRA) Record in respect of the proposed Highland-wide Local development Plan.

Council Response

The HRA Record is currently being finalised with the assistance of SNH, but it is not as yet ready for submission.

2. If the Appraisal Record is not yet ready for submission, the date by which it will be submitted.

Council Response

We anticipate that the HRA Record will be completed and a formal response received from Scottish Natural Heritage under Reg 85B(2) of the Habitats Regulations by 5pm, Friday 2 September. The HRA Record would then be submitted to the Reporters as soon as is practicable.

3. Regarding tables 1 and 2 in the item on disk 2 (as submitted by the Council):

(a) particulars of any consultation with persons and bodies (other than Scottish Natural Heritage) carried out as part of preparing tables 1 and 2;

Council Response

The consultation has been solely with SNH, who have worked closely in partnership with The Highland Council to produce the HRA Record, rather than simply being consultees.

(b) confirmation that the Council wishes the proposed plan to be modified in accordance with tables 1 and 2.

Council Response

Highland Council confirms that it wishes to modify the Proposed Plan in accordance with Tables 1 and 2 of "The Habitats Regulation Appraisal of the Highland-wide Local Development Plan" item contained on disk 2 of the set of three disks provided by the Council.

I trust this response meets the requirement set out in the original request.

Yours sincerely

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