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Dear Ms Cranna

**THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT PLANNING) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2008
THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL – SUTHERLAND LOCAL PLAN
NOTICE: REQUEST FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
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I am writing regarding the Sutherland Local Plan which was submitted to DPEA on the 24 July 2009 for examination by Scottish Ministers. Under Regulation 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Development Planning) (Scotland) Regulations 2008 the appointed reporter can request, by way of notice, further information in connection with the examination. This letter is a notice under Regulation 22.

The council's Appropriate Assessment of the Deposit Draft Sutherland Local Plan was completed in June 2009. This responds to representations by SNH, including those lodged in relation to particular sites. The reporters have requested SNH's view as to whether the conclusions and recommendations of the appropriate assessment, and any consequent proposed changes to the plan, address these objections. I have written to the council, under separate cover, to request clarification regarding the detail of any proposed additional changes to the plan as a consequence of the assessment. You may wish to liaise with them on this matter and I have requested that the council's response be copied to you.

It would be helpful if you could send this information to me, to pass on to the reporter, by the 24 September 2009.

I hope this is in order and shall be obliged if you could kindly acknowledge receipt of this letter. A copy of this letter will be posted on the council's website. I also attach a copy of the corresponding letter that I have sent to the council. Other parties, who lodged representations in relation to any proposed site where SNH has raised this issue, will be notified that the relevant correspondence can be viewed on the council's web site.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like to clarify anything.

Yours sincerely



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