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To: ProgrammeOfficer;

Subject: RE: East Devon Local Plan Examination: August 2015 evidence [Representor No: 521] -

Amanda,

Please pass the following comments on to Mr Thickett which by way of a response to the comments of the National Trust:

We acknowledge the points made by the National Trust and ask him to note that we are having on-going and productive discussions with the Trust about how in partnership with them we can deliver SANG's within the growth point area and beyond. However the Trust's land represents only some of the opportunities for SANG's provision that have been identified so far with a variety of other options also shown on the amended map to be included on Page 49 of the plan (included on page 34 of the Report of Additional Work – Following July 2015 Hearing Sessions). Developers operating within the growth point area also have substantial areas of land either in their ownership or optioned to them that present further opportunities for SANG's provision alongside the proposed housing developments. We are confident that adequate provision will be made from these sources in a timely manner.

With regard to the Trust's comments regarding the need for a Green infrastructure Masterplan we would draw the Inspector's attention to the Green Infrastructure Strategy which already forms part of the evidence base for the plan. This is being delivered through a Green Infrastructure Board for the locality upon which the National Trust is represented. This coupled with the employment of two members of staff whose primary role is the delivery of SANG's and the forthcoming establishment of a Joint Committee with Exeter City and Teignbridge District Councils to manage the delivery of habitat mitigation measures in line with the South East Devon European Site Mitigation Strategy means that there is considerable activity to affect the delivery of SANGs in the locality. It is not considered that a further master planning exercise would add to this activity and may in fact deflect resources from it.

Thanks.

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