

Participant	John Stobart	Rep ID	2784
		Date response received	13 th May 2015
Representing	Natural England	Response reference number	MHD042
MHD / Change reference commented on	MHD012, MHD015, MHD016		
Summary of comment	<p>MHD012 – Natural England supports the proposed amendments set out in MHD012 Section 1 as a means of ensuring the protection of the greater horseshoe bats at the Bryanston Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI).</p> <p>MHD015 – Given that the strategic allocations in the North Dorset Local Plan have been subject to a Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA), Natural England has no objection to the proposed removal of the requirement for a further HRA in support of the Master Plan Framework for the Gillingham Southern Extension.</p> <p>MHD016 – Natural England notes and supports the findings of the landscape impact assessment of land at Higher Blandford Road, Shaftesbury.</p>		
Council's response	<p>The Council acknowledges and welcomes the support from Natural England.</p> <p>The Council has forwarded the ecological information received in support of the proposed broad location West of Blandford St Mary, Dorchester Hill to Natural England for comment. Pending a satisfactory response from Natural England to this additional material, the Council proposes to reinstate the broad location for growth within LP1.</p>		
Conclusions	<p>An ecological mitigation package has been proposed to support the broad location for growth West of Blandford St Mary, Dorchester Hill through the response to MHD012. This information has been forwarded to Natural England for comment with their response informing decisions relating to the site.</p>		