Strategic Ecology Land

Heyford Park

On behalf of Elgin Investments LLP

3rd August 2021

1. Introduction

This Strategic Ecology Scheme has been prepared on behalf of Elgin Investments LLP.

It is submitted pursuant to discharging the relevant obligation under the S106 Agreement (with reference to the full planning application ref 16/02446/F dated 6th April 2020) ("the Planning Obligation") concerning securing Strategic Ecology Land required by the Policy Villages 5 Local Plan Allocation.

<u>Clause 3 of Schedule 4 of the S106 Agreement requires that written evidence is provided to District Council that Strategic Ecology Land has been secured and is available for use for its intended purpose under the terms of this agreement.</u>

2. Location

Elgin Investments LLP has secured the agreement of the landowner Upper Heyford GP Ltd and Upper Heyford Nominee Ltd to provide 10 hectares of strategic ecology land on the western nib of the former RAF Upper Heyford site. The site is identified in Appendix 1.

3. Relevant Planning Applications

An application reference 18/00825/HYBRID is currently with the Council for determination having received a resolution to grant at planning committee in November 2020. A S106 Agreement is currently being negotiated and is expected to be agreed by September 2021. This will include an Ecology strategy for the whole 1,600 Local Plan allocation. The S106 Agreement will secure through an 'Ecological Site Management Strategy' the restoration and enhancement of 31.21 hectares of existing neutral calcareous grassland and the creation of 27.35 hectares of calcareous grassland. Once this application has been signed and implemented this will fulfil the Ecology obligations under the April 2020 S106 agreement.

4. Securing Land

In the event that application reference 18/00825/HYBRID is not consented or implemented within two years of this submission landowner (Upper Heyford GP Ltd and Upper Heyford Nominee Ltd) have agreed that a 15 year lease will be granted to Heyford Park Estate Limited for the restoration and enhancement of the 10 hectares of land identified in Appendix 1.

