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Dear Ms Bailey,

Planning consultation: Amended info/plans for Outline - Redevelopment of former MOD sites including demolition of existing buildings, development of 1900 homes; local centre to include a 2 form entry primary school (class D1), a community hall of 660sqm, five local shops or facilities to include A1, A2, A3, A5 and D1 uses totalling 500sqm, a grocery store (class A1) 1000sqm gross, a pub/restaurant/hotel (class A4/A3/C1) 1000sqm and parking areas; employment floorspace comprising B1(a) 2160sqm, B1(b) 2400sqm, B1(c) and B2 20520sqm and B8 uses up to 66960sqm; creation of public open space and associated highway improvement works, sustainable urban drainage systems, biodiversity improvements, public transport improvements and services infrastructure. Erection of a 70400sqm fulfilment centre on 'C' site and associated on site access improvement works, hardstanding, parking and circulation areas

Location: Site C Ploughley Road & Site D & E Ambrosden Road MOD Bicester Upper Arccott Oxfordshire

Thank you for your consultation dated and received by Natural England on 03 February 2014.

Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.

Natural England has previously commented on this proposal and made comments to the authority in our letter dated 05 December 2012.

The advice provided in our previous response applies equally to this amendment although we made no objection to the original proposal.

The proposed amendments to the original application relate largely to approved plans, and are unlikely to have significantly different impacts on the natural environment than the original proposal.

Should the proposal be amended in a way which **significantly** affects its impact on the natural environment then, in accordance with Section 4 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act



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2006, Natural England should be consulted again. Before sending us the amended consultation, please assess whether the changes proposed will materially affect any of the advice we have previously offered. If they are unlikely to do so, please do not re-consult us.

Yours sincerely

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