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Subject: Re: FAO: Catherine Laidlaw re: Dixon Bat Project and MCC RLDP
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Dear Robert,

Thank you for inviting the Wye Valley National Landscape Team to attend Thursday's Place Scrutiny Committee meeting and for the opportunity to submit further information for consideration.

We continue to uphold our objection to the inclusion of the HA4 residential site allocation. However, at this stage, we do not have any additional comments beyond those set out in our representation on the Deposit Plan Consultation, which incorporated PPW policies, the setting the Wye Valley National Landscape and damage to SACs and Special Qualities of the National Landscape. We intend to reserve further comments for the Examination, so that we can incorporate any response to the findings of the assessments currently underway, as well as any additional information provided in the period leading up to the Examination. We note that less sensitive candidate sites have not been progressed.

Yours sincerely,
Catherine

Catherine Laidlaw

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(Please note this role is shared with the Malvern Hills National Landscape Team. I am generally available for matters regarding the Wye Valley National Landscape on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays, but can still be contacted throughout the week.)



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Dear Catherine,

I am writing from the Scrutiny team at Monmouthshire County Council, regarding the upcoming scrutiny of the council's Replacement Local Development Plan at our Place Scrutiny committee on 25th September.

You have likely already been in contact with MCC's Planning team about the RLDP, but we wanted to check if there is anything you would like to add in writing in relation to the proposed development site HA4 at Leasbrook in Monmouth - specifically, in relation to bat species at the site, following the continued work of the Dixon Bat Project. Their representative, Jonty Pearce, suggested that we contact you (I think you have already been in contact with him.)

Please let us know if you have any comment or information that the committee members can consider as part of their scrutiny.

Kind regards,

Robert

Robert McGowan

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