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Dear Ms Fisher

**LOCAL PLAN EXAMINATION POLICY EM2 – STRATEGIC GAPS MAP 7C -
SHERBORNE ST JOHN STRATEGIC GAP – RYDON HOMES**

Further to the recent session of the Examination which addressed Policy EM2 I have been in discussion with the Chair of the Sherborne St John Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, Mr Julian Crawley.

As I confirmed to the Inspector, development proposed by my clients, Rydon Homes, on land at Cranes Road/A340, is being supported by the Steering Group as a proposed allocation in the emerging Neighbourhood Plan.

An illustrative plan of this development is attached, from which you will see that the site falls within the proposed additional area of the Basingstoke/Sherborne St John Strategic Gap.

The removal of this area from the proposed extension to the Strategic Gap by means of a minor modification to the Plan would address my client's immediate concerns and would be supported by the Neighbourhood Plan Group. I wonder whether you are able to confirm that this is something that your Council would take on board, without prejudice of course, to your position upon the wider issues that the Inspector is considering about the Basingstoke/Sherborne St John Gap as a whole?

I would be happy to discuss this with you further, as required and look forward to hearing from you or one of your colleagues shortly.

Yours sincerely,

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