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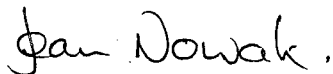
Dear Mr Horton,

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 – SECTION 78:  
APPEALS BY PRUDENTIAL PROPERTY INVESTMENT MANAGERS LTD AND  
ASTRAL DEVELOPMENTS LTD  
HARTLAND PARK, IVELY ROAD, FARNBOROUGH, HAMPSHIRE  
APPLICATION REFERENCES 07/00764/MAJOR and 07/03197/MAJOR**

1. Further to my letter of 26 May 2009, your response dated 12 June 2009 was copied to the Rule 6 parties and to those who requested the opportunity to comment, under cover of my letter of 17 June 2009, which was copied to you.
2. I enclose copies of the responses we have received: from Marrons on behalf of the Appellants; Stop Pyestock bLot Act Today (SPLAT); and the Southwood Residents Association. The Secretary of State will take these responses into account in his consideration of the above appeals. In the light of these responses, the Secretary of State considers it appropriate to seek Natural England's comments on them. These should be sent to me at the address below by no later than **31 July 2009**.
3. Your comments are sought on the following matters in particular:
  - the potential impacts on the Thames Basin Heaths SPA of the proposed upgrade of the road between the Pyestock roundabout and the appeal site;
  - the significance, as regards potential impacts on the SPA, of the additional data included in the addenda to the Environmental Statement, especially as regards nitrogen emissions;
  - the potential impacts of the proposed development on nearby areas of the SPA open to the public, including the Bourley and Long Valley SSSI;

- the potential impacts on the SPA of the proposed development in combination with other recent developments or proposals in the area.
4. Your response will subsequently be circulated to the Rule 6 parties and to those who requested the opportunity to comment **for information only. Further comments will not be invited.**
  5. In view of the time necessary for Natural England to provide its views, the Secretary of State considers that he will be prevented from reaching a decision by the previously timetabled date of 6 August 2009. Therefore, in the exercise of the power conferred on him by paragraph 6(2) of Schedule 2 to the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, he hereby gives notice that he has varied the timetable previously set and he will now issue his decision on or before **3 September 2009**. This letter constitutes notice to you of this variation in the timetable.
  6. A copy of this letter and enclosures is being sent to Ms Morrag Thompson at Marrons; Robert Jackson at Hart District Council; Robert G Schofield of SPLAT, Brian Tucker, Chairman of the Southwood Residents Association; and Brian Watkins of Stiles Harold Williams, **for information only**. A separate letter advising of the variation in the timetable is being sent to those on the attached list.

Yours faithfully,



**Jean Nowak**