MATTER 11 – MONITORING AND REVIEW

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Response

Monitoring is relevant to the effectiveness of environmental and infrastructure safeguards because policies cannot operate effectively over the Plan period if changing circumstances are not identified and acted upon.

The Inspectors ask whether monitoring indicators are adequately connected to policy objectives, whether the framework will remain effective and whether it sufficiently addresses infrastructure provision and sustainable-development objectives.

They ultimately ask whether the indicators provide a robust basis for assessing delivery of the Plan.

Change sought

The monitoring framework should include sufficiently clear indicators for:

infrastructure delivery against planned development; environmental and biodiversity outcomes; implementation of necessary mitigation; and circumstances in which failure to deliver anticipated infrastructure or environmental outcomes should trigger review or corrective action.

Monitoring should identify not merely whether development has been delivered but whether the infrastructure and environmental safeguards upon which that development was predicated have also been delivered.