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Morning Simon,

Hope you had a good weekend.

On the ecology matters raised by APC our ecologist has provided a very brief summary in response to their comments as per the below. As discussed I note you're happy with your position on this but I thought I'd send it to you as he's drafted the response anyway.

Thanks,  
Esme

***The development site is formed of common, widespread habitats of low ecological value with the site dominated by heavily grazed improved grassland. Boundary treeline/woodland habitats of moderate value are proposed to be retained and enhanced, as shown within landscape proposals.***

***Proportionate surveys have highlighted that the site is of limited value to protected species. Reptiles and badgers are likely absent from the site which correlates with the surveys undertaken of the adjacent site.***

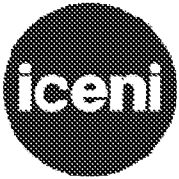
***The site is on the extreme edge of the Impact Risk Zone of the Singleton and Cocking Tunnels SAC. Bat surveys of the adjacent site suggest the boundary vegetation may be rarely used by Myotis and Barbastelle bats. This possibility has been incorporated into the proposals, tree protection proposals and landscape design to ensure these features are retained and enhanced for bats.***

***As such the LPA can confidently conclude that any effect on the SAC, or bats for which it is designated would be both unlikely and non-significant.***

***The LPA and Natural England are both satisfied that this is the case and have raised no ecological concerns.***

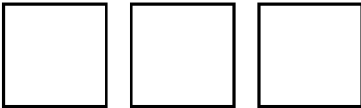
***A Biodiversity Net Gain Calculation is provided which determine the proposals likely to result in a Biodiversity Net Gain.***

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