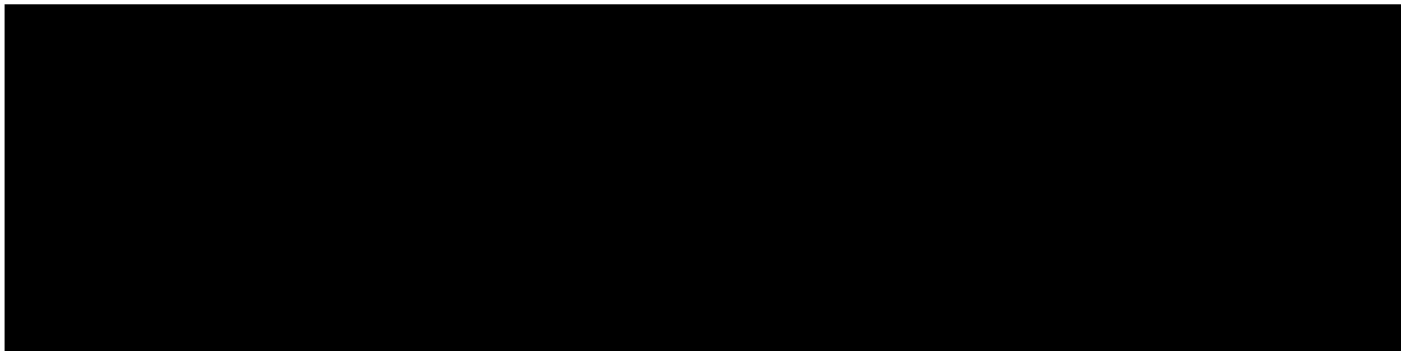


email trail below from the applicant's ecologist regarding the scoping out of an Appropriate Assessment Requirement for LLD2126 - The Grange - Singleton and Cocking Tunnels SAC for planning application **AL/28/21/PL**.



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From: Brett Moore
Sent: 04 May 2021 16:51
To: Michael Eastham <Michael.Eastham@arun.gov.uk>
Subject: FW: The Grange, Westergate

Dear Michael

Please see below response to your query.

Kind regards

Brett Moore
Principal Planner



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From: Lizard Landscape Design and Ecology - Ecological Assessment and Landscape Planning

Sent: 04 May 2021 13:46

To: Brett Moore Lizard Landscape Design - Landscape Architects and Planners

Subject: Re: The Grange, Westergate

Hi Brett,

LLD2126 - The Grange - Singleton and Cocking Tunnels SAC - Appropriate Assessment Requirement.

Thank you for the email. The wider conservation area of the SAC is 12km, and the site lies c. 11.7km away from the SAC. The scheme is small - 2 housing units. Development will result in some small, de minimis increase in the local population, potentially increasing road traffic and recreational pressures in the area. However, given the extent of proposals, and the distance of the site from the SAC, these impacts are not likely to result in any appreciable impact to the SAC. With regard to in-combination impacts, this is considered by the HRA of the SDNP local plan:

in combination with any other project or plan.

10.10 Singleton and Cocking Tunnels SAC

- 10.10.1 Likely significant effects upon the SAC have been screened out within the SDNP Local Plan. The potential for likely significant effects resulting from the re-establishment of the tunnels forms a part. However, the SDNPA Local Plan, contains sufficient protection to ensure that no significant effects result from other projects or plans either alone or in-combination.

Therefore, policies are in-built within the SDNPA local plan, with regards to mitigating air quality, supporting habitats and recreational pressure impacts (resulting from windfall development accounted for within the SDNPA local plan and other neighbouring local plans), so that an appropriate assessment will not be required. On this basis, we scoped out the need for an appropriate assessment with regards to impacts to the Singleton and Cocking Tunnels SAC. I hope that helps to clarify our position, but please contact me should you require any further information.

Kind regards,

Caleb Fry
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Sent: 04 May 2021 12:47

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Subject: The Grange, Westergate

Hi George

I received the below email from the planning officer a few minutes ago. We are very close to application determination now so I would appreciate hearing from you at your earliest convenience please.

Kind regards

Dear Brett,

I have re-read page 19 of the Preliminary Ecological Appraisal and I am questioning whether I need to carry out an Appropriate Assessment of the impact of the development on the impacts of the bats in the Singleton and Cocking Tunnels SPA.

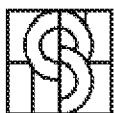
An Appropriate Assessment has not been requested by the ADC Ecological Advisors.

What is the view of the scheme's ecologist?

Kind regards,

Michael

Brett Moore
Principal Planner



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