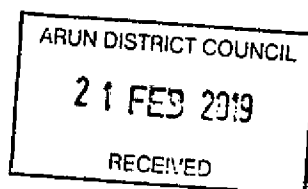




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Dear Sir/ Madam,

Application BE/9/19/PL **Steel Glider Hanger. Bognor Regis Flying Club. Former LEC Airfield**

I wish to make the following objections:

The Lidsey Rife is listed by Sussex Wildlife Trust as a "Biodiversity Opportunity Area". Before Mr Julian Hitchcock took over the former LEC Airfield, Sime Derby had commissioned WYG Ecological Consultancy in Winchester 01489872929 to prepare a 50 page ecological report. This found protected species including a lot of water voles, bats and protected birds. However, the whole area was cleared without appropriate mitigation.

Habitat was cleared in the nesting season and we only did not call the police when we were placated by Mr Hitchcock and his works manager who said they would be keeping a lot of habitat, and they would try to work with us. I was even allowed to oversee some clearance work with an ornithologist. However, behind our back habitat was removed and this accelerated outside the nesting season. It was clear to me, Mr Hitchcock had no regard to the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1984, PPS9, or respect for wildlife.

Any hanger should be positioned nearer to the railway or former waste dump. The location proposed is the last vestige of habitat cover, is too close to the rife, and also would be very obtrusive to the golf course.

Yours faithfully,

Simon [REDACTED]

Director,

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