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From: SM-Defra-Plan Cons Area Team (Sussex and Kent) (NE) [REDACTED]

Sent: 11 February 2022 08:53

To: Simon Davis <Simon.Davis@arun.gov.uk>

Subject: RE: Ruby RE: 381306 HRA & AA; Outline application for 8 No. dwellings etc - Application Reference: BN/147/21/OUT - Land West of Fontwell Ave-nue Fontwell Eastergate PO20 3RX - Arun District Council

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Dear Simon Davis,

Thank you for your email.

In answer to your enquiry, Natural England's response is not based on the Habitats Regulations Assessment provided.

As stated in our letter (ref: 381306), Natural England have not responded with specific comments because we **are not currently able** to fully assess the potential impacts or provide detailed advice on the application. The lack of detailed advice from Natural England does not imply that there are no impacts on the natural environment. It is for

the local planning authority to determine whether or not the proposal is consistent with national and local environmental policies. If you consider there are **significant** risks to statutory nature conservation sites or protected landscapes, please do re-consult us via [REDACTED]

With regards to your query around consulting Natural England on your HRA, I can confirm that you **are not required** to consult Natural England when you have screened out an application.

Yours sincerely,

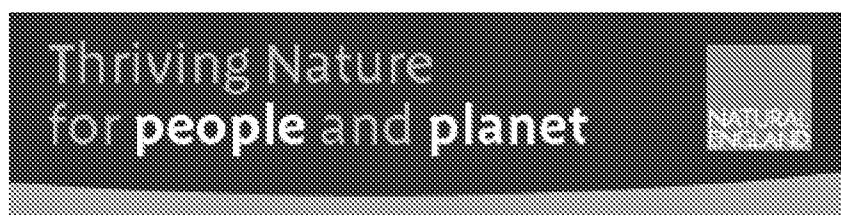
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Area Team 14 – Sussex and Kent

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We are here to secure a healthy natural environment for people to enjoy, where wildlife is protected and England's traditional landscapes are safeguarded for future generations.

In an effort to reduce Natural England's carbon footprint, I will, wherever possible, avoid travelling to meetings and attend via audio, video or web conferencing.



From: Simon Davis <Simon.Davis@arun.gov.uk>

Sent: 03 February 2022 12:34

To: SM-Defra-Plan Cons Area Team (Sussex and Kent) (NE) [REDACTED]

Subject: Ruby RE: 381306 HRA & AA; Outline application for 8 No. dwellings etc - Application Reference: BN/147/21/OUT - Land West of Fontwell Ave-nue Fontwell Eastergate PO20 3RX - Arun District Council

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your reply. However, I was expecting a response to the Appropriate Assessment that I had sent through whereas your response seems to be very generic and is essentially similar to the consultation response we had already received.

I acknowledge that the document that I sent did not proceed to an appropriate assessment but instead screened out the application. Is this why you have not responded with specific comments? I know that I need to consult Natural England when we have compiled an Appropriate Assessment but I am unsure if we need to do this when we have screened an application out?

Please can you advise.

Thank you.

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From: SM-Defra-Plan Cons Area Team (Sussex and Kent) (NE) [REDACTED]
Sent: 01 February 2022 17:46
To: Simon Davis <Simon.Davis@arun.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: 381306 HRA & AA; Outline application for 8 No. dwellings etc - Application Reference: BN/147/21/OUT - Land West of Fontwell Ave-nue Fontwell Eastergate PO20 3RX - Arun District Council

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Dear Arun District Council,

Please find attached Natural England's advice regarding case 381306 (your ref. BN/147/21/OUT).

Kind regards,
Natural England - Sussex & Kent Planning Consultations

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From: Simon Davis <Simon.Davis@arun.gov.uk>
Sent: 20 January 2022 18:55
To: SM-NE-Consultations (NE) [REDACTED]
Subject: Arun DC Application BN/147/21/OUT Land West of Fontwell Avenue, W Sussex, PO20 3RX (your ref 375466)

Dear Sir/Madam,

Your consultation response on this application (ref 367213) stated "no comments". However, Arun DC understand that we need to consider the need for Habitat Regulations Assessment for all developments within the 12km consultation zone of the Singleton and Cocking Tunnels Special Area of Conservation (SAC) located within the South Downs National Park. I have therefore undertaken to provide an Appropriate Assessment concerning this outline proposal for 8 dwellings and its impact on the SAC.

In accordance with the Conservation of Habitats & Species Regulations 2017 (as amended), I am writing to you to request your consultation advice on this Assessment. I would be grateful if you could provide a response within 10 days or otherwise please indicate if you require a longer period.

Kind Regards

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