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Please upload onto Ocella the email below which is a further consultation response from ADC's Ecology Advisor to BN/155/20/EIS

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Subject: RE: Land at Barnham, Eastergate and Westergate - Ecology Surveys (in light of screening opinion for BN/112/20/EIS) (7908)

Hi Simon,

Just to let you know my colleague Michael Eastham is now the Officer who will provide the EIS Scoping response.

Kindest regards,

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From: Liz Annalls [REDACTED]

Sent: 07 January 2021 10:31

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Subject: RE: Land at Barnham, Eastergate and Westergate - Ecology Surveys (in light of screening opinion for BN/112/20/EIS) (7908)

Morning,

Thank you for your email below. I can confirm following guidance from Natural England, the NPPF, the Biodiversity and Geological Conservation Circular 06 and Arun Local Plan we will require that these surveys are undertaken and submitted as part of any future application. This is the standard consistent approach which we undertake for all applications where there is potential for protected species and / or habitats within the site and surrounding habitat. I recommend that you discuss this further with the planning officer at Arun who I have copied into this email for reference.

Kind Regards

Liz



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From: Simon Taber [REDACTED]
Sent: 07 January 2021 10:08
To: Liz Annalls
Cc: Charlotte Harris; Jodie Dixon
Subject: Land at Barnham, Eastergate and Westergate - Ecology Surveys (in light of screening opinion for BN/112/20/EIS) (7908)

Dear Liz

Happy New Year! Hope you had a good break and are keeping safe and well.

We have been providing ecological advice on the large strategic site at Barnham, Eastergate and Westergate project (BEW) in Arun, and as you may be aware an EIA Scoping Opinion was issued by Arun for the project on 11 November 2020 (copy attached for convenience). Based on previous correspondence I believe that you are likely to have provided input to the Council insofar as the Scoping Opinion relates to ecological matters (as the ADC Ecologist), but if this is not the case and I need to get in touch with one of your colleagues instead I would be grateful if you could please let me know.

With regard to ecology, I note from paragraph 4.64 that the LPA has made reference to the completion of a habitat survey (equivalent to Phase 2) in addition to ornithological, botanical and invertebrate surveys at the site. I am pleased to confirm that we have undertaken both breeding and wintering bird surveys at the site, in addition to a suite of other ecological surveys across the site (as summarised in the EIA Scoping Request). However, in relation to detailed botanical and invertebrate surveys, we are unclear as to the rationale behind the requirement for detailed survey work at this site.

Given the paucity of the habitats present throughout the site (the vast majority of which represents very large fields of intensively managed arable land, with few field margins or boundary hedgerows), and the fact that the habitats which are of greater ecological value within the site are to be retained (specifically the Lidsey Rife corridor and treelines / hedgerows), then in light of the guidance, our view is that there would be no need or indeed benefit to undertaking this detailed level of survey work, as it is clear from the extended Phase 1 survey work that the site is not of significance in terms of habitats or opportunities for protected and notable invertebrates species / assemblages. Whilst we will of course ensure that the ES Chapter incorporates a full and detailed assessment of the potential effects of the proposals upon both habitats and invertebrates, with reference to avoidance, mitigation and enhancement measures to deliver net gain, I would therefore suggest that there would be no need to undertake this further detailed survey work to ascertain the existing baseline.

I hope that you agree with our views; however, if it would be best to discuss at all then please don't hesitate to let me know. If having considered the above you are happy that there is no requirement to undertake detailed survey work in respect of habitats and invertebrates then I would be very grateful if you are able to reply to confirm the same.

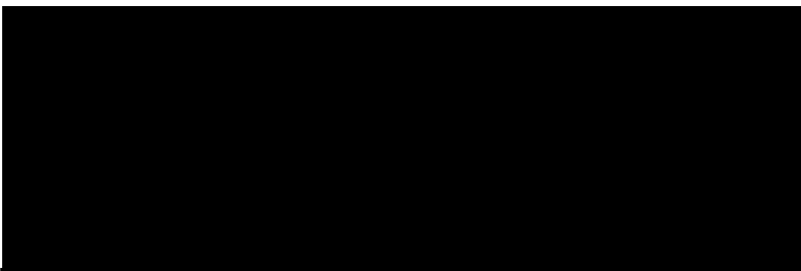
Many thanks in advance for your help.

Kind regards
Simon

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