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From: Liz Annalls [REDACTED]
Sent: 21 March 2022 10:31
To: Maria Tomalova <Maria.Tomalova@arun.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Solar application - BN/172/21/PL

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Morning,

Yes I am happy that a bat survey is no longer needed.

Thanks

Liz



Liz Annalls
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From: Maria Tomalova <Maria.Tomalova@arun.gov.uk>

Sent: 18 March 2022 09:38

To: Liz Annalls

Subject: FW: Solar application - BN/172/21/PL

Morning Liz,

I believe you have received the same.

Please let me know if you are happy to carry on with this application without further bat survey.

I have let know the agent that providing are with misleading information within the Preliminary ecological appraisal they waste our time and energy.

Kind regards

Maria

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From: Bannister, Jozie

Sent: 17 March 2022 16:01

To: Maria Tomalova <Maria.Tomalova@arun.gov.uk>

Subject: RE: Solar application - BN/172/21/PL

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Hi Maria,

See attached, the trees are within the existing hedgerow.

Kind regards,

Jojo

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From: Maria Tomalova <Maria.Tomalova@arun.gov.uk>

Sent: 17 March 2022 15:39

To: Bannister, Jozie [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Solar application - BN/172/21/PL

Thank you for the drawings, however, I can't see the position of existing trees.

Kind regards

Maria

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From: Bannister, Jozie [REDACTED]

Sent: 17 March 2022 15:21

To: Maria Tomalova <Maria.Tomalova@arun.gov.uk>
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Subject: RE: Solar application - BN/172/21/PL

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Hi Maria,

Please see attached plan with measurements showing the distance of the proposed panels from the existing hedgerow (containing the trees and measured very conservatively so as not to overestimate). No vegetation clearance or works will be taking place within 5m. I trust this is sufficient and have copied in Liz to avoid multiple email trails of back and forth.

Noted regarding the need to go to Committee, is this for definite or will it go before the Chair to decide whether it needs to be called in or not? Details when you have them would be much appreciated.

Many thanks,
Jojo

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From: Maria Tomalova <Maria.Tomalova@arun.gov.uk>

Sent: 17 March 2022 15:10

To: Bannister, Jozie [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Solar application - BN/172/21/PL

Your plan should be re-consulted (Ecology Advisor) and if proposal is to be approved, it should be decided by a Committee since the Barnham & Eastergate Parish Council Objected the above application.

Kind regards

Maria

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From: Bannister, Jozie [REDACTED]

Sent: 17 March 2022 14:54

To: Maria Tomalova <Maria.Tomalova@arun.gov.uk>

Subject: RE: Solar application - BN/172/21/PL

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Hi Maria,
I will provide a plan shortly.
Kind regards,
Jojo

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From: Maria Tomalova <Maria.Tomalova@arun.gov.uk>
Sent: 17 March 2022 14:40
To: Bannister, Jozie [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Solar application - BN/172/21/PL

Dear Miss Bannister,

Please see below the response of our Ecology Adviser.
I would expect from you ASAP (today) the drawing showing precise position of the mentioned trees and a proof that no works (including vegetation clearance) needs to take place within this buffer zone.

For the future, before you submit any Preliminary Ecological Appraisal, please check if all information given are correct.

It is your responsibility and our Ecology Advisor relies on information within PEA.
This is a wastage of time and energy of everybody dealing with this case.

Kind regards

Maria

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From: Liz Annalls [REDACTED]
Sent: 17 March 2022 14:19
To: Maria Tomalova <Maria.Tomalova@arun.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Solar application - BN/172/21/PL

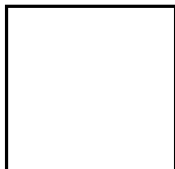
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Afternoon,

I have also had an email from the applicant regarding this not long ago. If the trees are remaining and there is a 5m buffer in place to protect them from disturbance, then we would be happy that further dormice and bat surveys are not required. However if any works (including vegetation clearance) needs to take place within this buffer zone then further survey work would be required.

Many Thanks

Liz



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From: Maria Tomalova <Maria.Tomalova@arun.gov.uk>
Sent: 17 March 2022 14:16
To: Liz Annalls [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Solar application - BN/172/21/PL

Hi Liz,

I was trying to call you and clarify if you asked for the further bat surveys (May-April) due to in submitted Preliminary ecological appraisal the fall of ash tree is mentioned (agent says mistakenly)
And they believe that there is no reason for such a survey if no tree is to be fallen. (see their email below)

I believe this is not the case but due to potential for bats to be roosting.

Please let me know as soon as possible; tomorrow is a deadline.

Kind regards

Maria

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Hi Maria,

Thanks once again for your call, I await the email we discussed confirming your proposed reason for refusal, I trust this is on its way?

In the meantime, I have attached your Ecologist's response. The response is clearly based on the felling of the ash trees which, as confirmed numerous times, is not proposed. Without the tree felling, I see nothing in this response to indicate that surveys would still be required.

I urge you therefore to review this again to avoid basing your decision on misinformation. I am here and available should you have any queries at all so do feel free to call or email, just please bear in mind that prematurely ending a call prior to discussing the matter is neither reasonable nor does it show a willingness to engage with the applicant.

I have now contacted the Council's responding Ecologist (Liz Annalls) directly to ensure they have the relevant information and correct understanding of the proposed development because I am not convinced this message has been relayed.

We have been forthcoming with the offer of an extension of time so there is no need to force a rushed decision because of deadline pressure.

Kind regards,
Jojo

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From: Bannister, Jozie

Sent: 17 March 2022 11:54

To: maria.tomaleva@arun.gov.uk; Planning <planning@arun.gov.uk>

Cc: Lyons, Chris [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Solar application - BN/172/21/PL

Good morning Maria,

Many thanks for your call this morning, I think this application is still being misunderstood in terms of the felling of any trees and I believe this has in fact come from the Ecologists that produced the Preliminary Ecological Appraisal that accompanies the application.

I can confirm that this application **does not** propose the felling of any trees, something I thought had been sufficiently clarified in previous emails (see below trail). I have addressed the issues raised in terms of bats and dormice below.

Bats

The PEA provided by us with the application confirms that, as there is no increase in lighting, there will be no impact on the foraging or commuting behaviour of bats. There is mention that the felling of the trees could disturb roosts and it is this that triggered the recommendation for bat surveys. As there will be no felling, there will be no potential for any roosts to be disturbed.

The proposals will therefore have no impact on the commuting, foraging or roosting of bats and, as a result, we consider further surveys are not required.

Dormice

The PEA confirms that due to the non-invasive installation techniques, there is negligible risk to small mammals as a result of the development. The only potential for impact comes from the felling of the ash trees which is **not** proposed, this misunderstanding is once again the only trigger for the requirement for further surveys.

The proposals therefore carry negligible risk to small mammals and, as no tree felling is proposed, we do not consider further dormice surveys to be required.

Before making a decision on this application, please could I ask that you request that your internal Ecologist take another look at the proposals, appreciating that no trees are being felled.

Could I also ask that you please confirm that there are no other issues outstanding with this application? You have not raised any other matters so I assume, ecology concerns aside, that the application would be being written up for approval. I trust that as these ecology concerns are founded on a misunderstanding of the proposed development, they can be promptly set aside and the application can be approved.

I appreciate that the determination deadline for the application is tomorrow and, as it would be unrealistic and unfair to expect you to write your report and have it signed off in this time, we are willing to agree an extension of time to accommodate a review of the ecology situation.

Please do get in touch should you have any further queries and I look forward to hearing from you soon and hopefully taking this application forwards to an approval.

Kind regards,
Jojo

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From: Bannister, Jozie
Sent: 16 March 2022 10:35
To: 'maria.tomalova@arun.gov.uk' <maria.tomalova@arun.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Solar application - BN/172/21/PL

Hello Maria,
Apologies for missing your call. I have received your voicemail and will discuss the best way forward with my client and get back to you as soon as possible.
Kind regards,
Jojo

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From: Bannister, Jozie
Sent: 09 March 2022 17:15
To: maria.tomalova@arun.gov.uk
Subject: RE: Solar application - BN/172/21/PL

Good afternoon Maria,

Do you have an update on this application please? Especially regarding the Ecology comments as I think the proposal was slightly misunderstood. Any questions then please contact me.

Many thanks,
Jojo

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From: Bannister, Jozie
Sent: 09 February 2022 15:08
To: maria.tomalova@arun.gov.uk
Subject: Solar application - BN/172/21/PL

Good afternoon Maria,
I am the agent for the above application and thought I'd touch base. I've seen the ecology response on the website and think there must have been some confusion as no trees are proposed to be removed. I suspect this has come from the wording within the submitted PEA which I think contains lots of advice for 'if' scenarios. I trust therefore the need for bat and dormouse surveys is not as initially thought by your Ecologist? I wonder if you could please confirm this.

I can be reached on the landline below if you want to discuss. Anything you might need in the meantime then please do get in touch.

Many thanks,
Jojo

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