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**From:** Amanda Scholes on behalf of Planning.Responses  
**Sent:** 07 February 2018 08:41  
**To:** Planning Scanning  
**Subject:** FW: Mill development part two - CM/33/17/PL

objection

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From: Ross Leal  
Sent: 07 February 2018 08:40  
To: Planning.Responses  
Subject: FW: Mill development part two - CM/33/17/PL

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From: Ross Leal  
Sent: 07 February 2018 08:40  
To: 'R Pulley'  
Subject: RE: Mill development part two - CM/33/17/PL

Dear Richard,

You also need to make these comments to the planning application. Do you wish me to upload them? The email address for applications is

You must also include the application reference number. In this case it is CM/33/17/PL.

The Council will take your comments into account in considering the application. It is also necessary for the applicant to have to opportunity to comment or respond.

Regards,

Ross

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From: R Pulley [mailto: [REDACTED]]

Sent: 06 February 2018 17:33

To: Ross Leal

Subject: Mill development part two

Ross

As part of our objection to the Mill planning development is allowable to comment further on the Lizard ecological report?

So apparently well meaning and eco friendly it actually reads, to those of us that know the area as rather optimistic and in places very annoying.

The Context Appraisal (2.)

To start by saying that any new development on the site 'could improve upon the existing baseline and provide biodiversity gains', might be seen as being rather disingenuous given that the site had been effectively cleared of vegetation a few months earlier. Of course it will improve it, hard not to!

The Mill site, 'could be considered brownfield land', where would that be? Remove the ruined mobile classrooms and you have a potentially unique West Sussex habitat, a coastal lowland site full of native species would indeed be something. After all there is an SSSI a SNCI and a Nature Reserve all within 100 meters (or less) of the site. So there must be something worth saving.

However the report does make some good points but the solutions are either too late or unrealistic. For example; Planting new hedgerows is a nice idea but why not just leave some of the old ones? Planting native species is a nice idea but why not just let the old ones grow back?

I like the idea that they are enhancing the 'sense of place' but what was wrong with the old sense of place?

The idea that you are going to get meadow pipits to breed on the roof of the new house is just not going to happen. However they are right about the threat of dogs and foxes. More likely herring gulls will take up residence on the roof, no bad thing as they are a species in decline although I suspect that the new owners might not take to them.

They are also correct to say that the area does need more fresh water pools or 'scrapes'. This is the one area where the new owners could redeem themselves in the opinion of many. If the new moat could be developed to include a 'scrape' (muddy water effectively) then it would certainly increase the chances of a whole new range of birds, unseen in the area for generations to return.

Lizards idea that the 'scrape' would be used by Sanderlings is complete nonsense and shows clearly that they know nothing about the habits of this bird. It is called a SANDerling for goodness sake! There is a clue there about its preferred habitat.

A 'vegetated shingle roof' will contribute to enhancing the shingle habitat? Clutching at straws here I think.

The trouble with the well meaning idea of planting coastal native varieties is that unless you are very careful you only get one. Tamarisk, not too the best of my knowledge a native. Buckthorn possibly. To encourage diversity you need some protection from the south westerly gales and the salty air. To do this some kind of shelter belt needs to develop. Sadly this was the feature that was largely destroyed in May 2017. In taking out a significant proportion of larger trees and shrubs from the western boundary of the property the new owners have opened the site up to the strongest of the Autumn gales. There was a reason why there was so much tall vegetation on that side of the property. Planting new species is going to be difficult. Just look how poorly the trees and shrubs planted by Mr Baird a little further down the coast have fared, not well by and large.

Excellent idea to plant Elm trees, excellent idea to plant Black Poplar. Varieties of willow would also be an excellent addition.

End of comments (for the moment) on the Lizard report.

Regards

Richard Pulley

Sent from my iPad