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Subject: F-1-21-PL

Dear Ms Gardiner

I would like to make a comment on the application **F/1/21/PL** further to the applicant's response to a request for an Extended Phase-1 Habitat Survey by Chichester District Council.

The applicant, Mr Collins states in his email of 26th February that the site is 'a regularly ploughed field in active use for agriculture and there is no evidence or reason to believe that any protected species are present'.

This is not entirely correct. The majority of the land applied for change to education (roughly marked below in blue on the attached image) is indeed an actively ploughed field, but there are two areas which would be included in this change which are not part of the ploughed agricultural land. The section shown in red (bottom left) is a play area and open green space owned, as previously mentioned, by the Emerald Gardens estate. The area marked in yellow (bottom centre) is a line of mature trees which would be affected by any change in use of this land. A large number of different species (including, I believe, bats) use these trees to nest in and the open green space is a wildflower meadow which could be a habitat for a large number of species (apologies I'm not an expert on this!).



In conclusion, when Mr Collins says that that there is no need for such a survey he may not be correct. I leave it to you to determine this.

Best regards
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