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To: Daun Johnson <Daun.Johnson@arun.gov.uk>

Cc: Nicola Moore <Nicola.Moore@arun.gov.uk>

Subject: RE: F/2/20/PL Land adjacent to Station Cottages, Ford Road, Ford

Hi Mrs Johnson

Please find below a copy of the early summary for our biodiversity specialist, he is carrying out the desk top and compiling the report which will be with you as soon as possible I just hope the email below is sufficient to show our intention and enable you to validate the application.

Thanks

Phil

Phillip Brown
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Site Reference – Land East of Ford Road, Arundel

Following the Preliminary Ecological Appraisal conducted by myself on the 14th of April 2020, please find below a summary of the initial findings for the above-named site.

Bats – Suitable commuting and foraging habitat exists in the form of the hedgerows and grassland. Further recommendations regarding bats are dependent upon the results of the desk study.

Dormice – Suitable habitat for dormice in the form of the southern hedgerow is present however it is isolated from suitable habitat in the wider landscape. Further recommendations regarding dormice are dependent upon the results of the desk study.

Reptiles – The unkempt nature of the property result in optimal habitat across the Site and presence / likely absence surveys for reptiles are required. Furthermore two slow worms, a lizard and a grass snake were identified on site. To ensure reasonable effort is applied, such surveys require the deployment of heat traps and a total of 7 survey visits during suitable weather to be conducted. The survey season runs from April to October. Although weather dependant, July and August are generally considered too warm to survey.

Great Crested Newt –The site supports suitable terrestrial GCN habitat and we completed the HSI assessment of waterbodies within 250m. It should be noted that the waterbodies either unsuitable or dry at the time of survey and dependent upon the results of the desk study, we will likely screen the need for species specific surveys out and mitigate through sensitive habitat removal.

Badger – Two suitably sized mammal holes were found next to the pillbox. No evidence to confirm the species using these holes was present (guard hairs, footprints etc.). However as a precaution no works should take place within 30m of these holes.

Birds - Suitable nesting habitat for birds is present throughout the site with Dunnock, Kestrel and Goldfinch observed during the survey. The grassland and hedgerows provides ample foraging opportunities. Further recommendation regarding breeding birds are dependent upon the results of the desk study.

No other species or habitats of conservation concern were identified.

The detail of the above will be set out within the associated report, but conscious that there was a time constraint on this thought it best to highlight the further survey for reptiles requirement sooner rather than later.

Please note the above serves as a summary only and is subject to change upon examination of historical data.

Should you have any questions regarding the summary above, please do not hesitate to get in contact.

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