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From: Hayley Dean - Ecological Consultant [REDACTED]

Sent: 07 October 2022 14:09

Subject: RE: FP/274/21/OUT and M/16/22/PL - Further ecology surveys required

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Hi David,

Thank you for consulting Place Services Ecology on the above applications.

In relation to the attached email I sent you on 30th September 2022, I have answered my own question now and realise Site A relates to FP/274/21/OUT and Site B to M/16/22/PL.

We received an email from Arun on 8th July 2022 stating the Environmental Statement had been uploaded for M/16/22/PL, but I cannot find this on your portal. Furthermore, echoing what was said in the previous email, we note that CDC ecology comments back in March 2022 for both applications highlighted that that these include survey for bats and Hazel Dormouse as well as updated surveys for riparian species.

The results of these surveys are required prior to determination because paragraph 99 of the ODPM Circular 06/2005 highlights that: *"It is essential that the presence or otherwise of protected species, and the extent that they may be affected by the proposed development, is established before the planning permission is granted, otherwise all relevant material considerations may not have been addressed in making the decision."*

This information is therefore required to provide the LPA with certainty of impacts on legally protected species and be able to secure appropriate mitigation either by a mitigation licence from Natural England or a condition of any consent. This will enable the LPA to demonstrate compliance with its statutory duties, including its biodiversity duty under s40 NERC Act 2006 and prevent wildlife crime under s17 Crime and Disorder Act 1998.

We look forward to receiving the additional information, particularly for protected species, and work with the LPA and the applicant to overcome our holding objection on this application and provide full comments with recommended conditions.

Kind regards,

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From: Sue Hooton - Principal Ecological Consultant [REDACTED]

Sent: 27 May 2022 08:28

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Subject: M/16/22/PL Land South of Grevatts Lane/A259 Climping - Further ecology surveys required

Hi David

Thank you for consulting Place Services Ecology on this application.

I am enquiring whether you know if the further ecology surveys to support M/16/22/PL have any interim results yet please. We note that CDC ecology comments back in March 2022 highlighted that that these include survey for bats and Hazel Dormouse as well as updated surveys for riparian species.

Until these surveys have been completed and details of mitigation/compensation measures provided to the LPA which could be secured either by a condition of any consent or a mitigation licence from Natural England , we are unable to fully assess the impacts of the proposal. As the LPA needs ecological information for bats and Dormouse (both European Protected Species), we wish to lodge a temporary holding objection at this time.

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Any queries please let us know.

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