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Thanks

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From: [REDACTED]
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Subject: P/140/16/OUT - additional Bird Records

Hello David,

Attached is an Excel file of 51 additional Bird Records showing usage by wintering birds of the area subject to the above planning application. 37 of these records show that this site is used by wintering Brent Geese.

These records have been derived by a questionnaire completed by 31 households along Pagham Road who live opposite the site of this development application, plus a further 6 near-by residents who were walking along Pagham Road when the interviews were being conducted, and who also completed the questionnaire. The questionnaire and a summary of the results have already been provided as Appendix 1 in the formal SOS objection to this planning application, but a further copy is attached.

All the enclosed records show a nominal date of 1 Jan 2012, but they make clear when the resident moved to their house – some have been there only five years and some for over 40 years. (People who had lived for less than 5 years locally were excluded from the survey). The 37 residents questioned have lived for a total of 755 years in Pagham Road or near by. All were asked the question “Have you seen Brent Geese in the fields south of Pagham Village Hall”. **All answered that they see them annually , except for two who said they see them regularly. No one said that they only see them occasionally or never.** Thus the attached records are merely a summary of what has been seen over a long period of time, rather than

actual records of every occurrence when the birds were present – there would be well over a thousand such records were this data to exist.

As with the earlier records these have now been entered to the SOS database. They will be copied to the Sussex Biodiversity Records Centre later this year, and SxBRC will in turn copy them to the National Biodiversity Network in 2018. Therefore for the time being the SOS is the only source of these records.

As these records prove beyond doubt that 35 local residents see Brent Geese using the site of this proposed development every year and another two see them using it regularly, there can be no doubt that were the development to be approved **BIRDS, including Brent Geese, WOULD BE AFFECTED**. The SPA citation for Pagham Harbour states

The site qualifies under Article 4 (2) as an internationally important wetland supporting in winter an average of 3045 dark-bellied Brent Geese *Branta bernicla bernicla* (2% of the European wintering population)

The SOS's position remains that neither P/140/16/OUT nor P/25/17/OUT should be approved, as wintering birds (including Brent Geese) would be impacted by the loss of these sites. At as internationally important a birding site as Pagham Harbour such an impact is not acceptable. The attached records support this position.

These records are also being copied to RSPB and Natural England who have not yet seen them.

You will also see from the attached records that 23 of the 37 interviewees stated that they also see Bats in this area. I am not sure whether this is evident in any of the other ecological submissions you have received. I do not know what species of bat are around there.

Regards,

Richard Cowser
(SOS Conservation Officer)