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To: Planning.Responses
Subject: FW: Brent Goose Mitigation Plan for Pagham Hbr - the mistruth (addendum)

Could the below email and attachments please be uploaded to the website under reference P/140/16/OUT.

Many thanks,
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 28 March 2019 07:00

Subject: Brent Goose Mitigation Plan for Pagham Hbr - the mistruth (addendum)

Dear Madam/Sir,

Development P/140/16/OUT, land south of Summer Lane and west of Pagham Road.

This short letter follows on from one I sent on the 10th March and it is hoped it provides some more information about the possible ability, or not, of the mitigation land provided within the Brent Goose Mitigation Plan (BGMP), to sustain forage cropping as part of its (still to be determined) Habitat Management Plan. It is important to address this, I feel, because the control of arable production within the mitigation area is the mainstay of the BGMP.

As mentioned in the BGMP (para 2.17 compared to para 3.10) and my previous letter, the cropping history (attached) shows a lack of winter wheat grown in the mitigation area in comparison to that which is grown within the future development site. Also as I previously mentioned, on speaking to an international horticulturalist and having shown him the aerial photographs, this disparity was, in his opinion, due to the possibility of crop damage caused by poor drainage.

After a "heatwave summer" last year, data on the internet suggests to me a strong spike in rainfall for the months November and December 2018 and, although not raining on these particular days, the aerial photographs were taken on December 22nd 2018 and January 5th 2019. One may expect this to account for the large amount of standing water visible. There is, however, a clear contrast in the views of the fields within the mitigation land and

those in the development site and adjacent to it, taken on the same day (22nd December 2018), which shows much less in the way of standing water.

Bearing this in mind and coupled with the present lack of information on the most northerly field within the mitigation land (1141), I felt it would be helpful, some 3 months after the aerial photographs were taken, to attempt to ascertain if any crop damage has occurred there.

Please see attached photographs of field 1141 which is 4.32 hectares (ha). There are indeed, clear signs of crop damage as predicted by my consultee. These are not aerial shots but taken from vantage points and as such the actual areas involved are very hard to gauge. From observation on the ground, however, the damaged areas may total more than one fifth of the total area of field 1141. It would be unfair to all parties involved to add these areas onto the larger areas of "rank wet grassland" discovered in the other two fields and outlined in my previous email. This is because these damaged areas are probably not always waterlogged and also certainly not so clearly defined from the rest of the land in the field, as the marsh land is in the other fields.

Please see attached photograph Field8433 looking south over the development land where there appears to be no discernible crop damage.

These areas of crop damage would support the analysis of my consultee, the aerial photographic evidence and also the cropping history.

Using calculated approximations the BGMP determines the need to mitigate the loss of approximately 18.7 ha of good land. It states the plan provides approximately 18.5 ha of land for this purpose but supplies no calculations for this amount. Within this mitigation land, of the much reduced available cultivatable land (due to approximately 5.4 ha of "rank wet grassland" as per my previous letter), what is left is clearly vulnerable to damage.

In light of the above there is reason to believe that, using the current proposed mitigation land, the (still to be determined) Habitat Management Plan and thus the whole BGMP is likely to fail in it's objective to protect Pagham's Brent Geese.

Yours sincerely
Giles Binyon

PS
More aerial photographs are available on request.
Mr David Easton, may I please request that you put up this email and attachments onto the ADC planning portal.
Thank you.

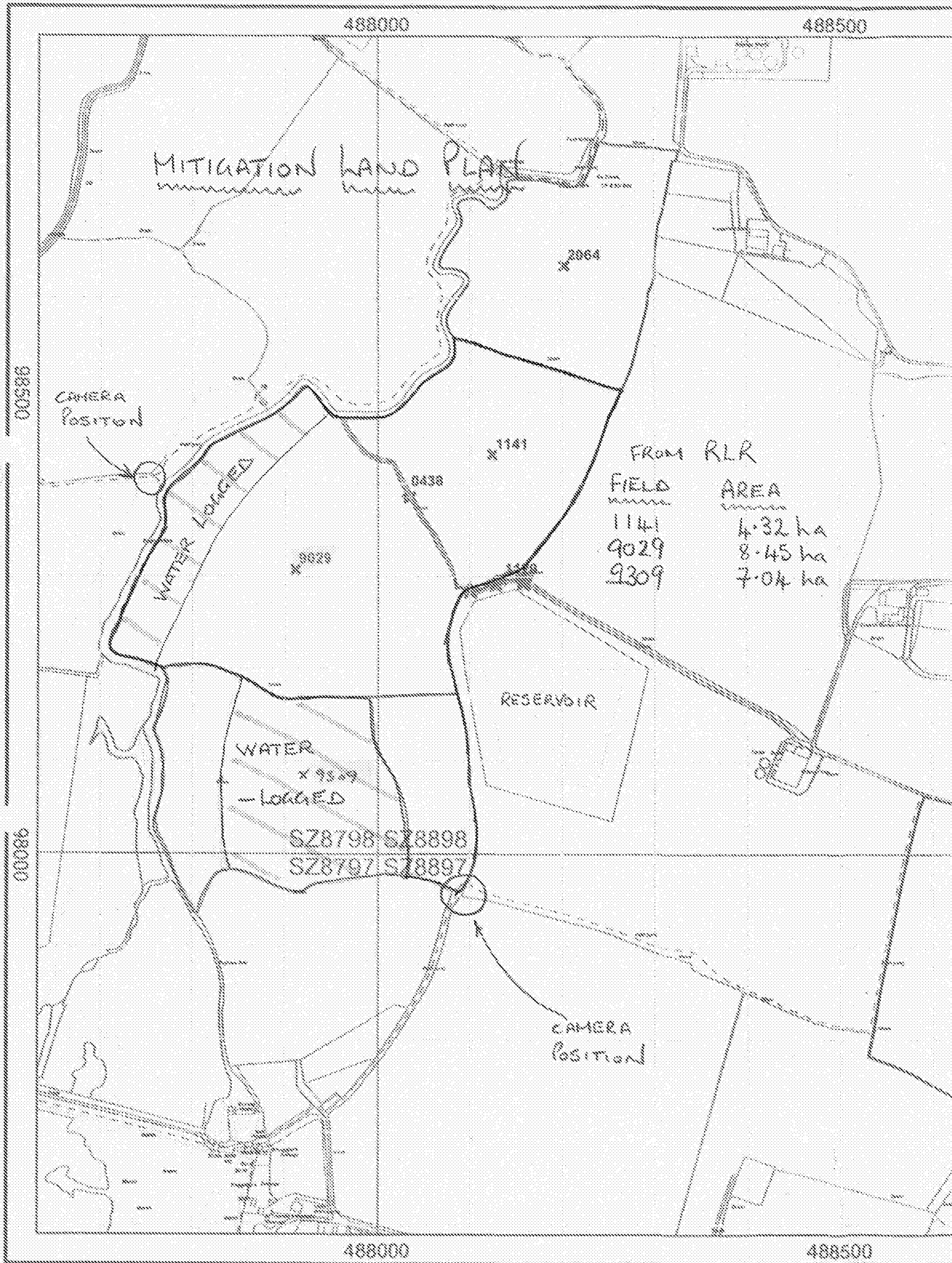
My previous letter (uploaded on 13th March) , the BGMP and associated material can be obtained under ref; P/140/16/OUT on the Arun District Council website under Planning.

Church Barton Farm, Pegham

Cropping 2011 - 2017

Field	Ha (gross)	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
SZ 8898 8755	4.08	LET	WW	POT	WW	VEG	MZ	WW
SZ 8898 8433	7.49	LET	WW	POT	WW	VEG	MZ	WW
SZ 8897 7598	14.05	LET	WW/LET	WW/SW/LET	WW/LET	WW/LET	WW/POT	WW/LET
SZ 8798 9309	7.04	WW/FALL	SB/FALL	MZ/FALL	SW/FALL	SW/FALL	SW/FALL	WW/FALL
SZ 8798 9029	8.45	WW	SB	MZ	SW	SW	SW	WW

LET Lettuces
 WW Winter Wheat
 SW Spring Wheat
 FALL Fallow
 SB Spring Barley
 POT Potatoes
 VEG Vegetables
 MZ Maize



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