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Sent: 25 February 2020 09:29
To: Raymond Cole <Raymond.Cole@arun.gov.uk>
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Subject: Dandara Fontwell

Morning Ray

Further to your email please find below a summary regarding the hedgerow removal from FPCR as requested.

If you have any queries please let me know. We apologise for not sending this to you sooner.

I can also confirm the extension of time through to 17 April.

I left a message for you last week regarding setting up a meeting on 9 March while I am down just so we can cover off any matters prior to you finalising the committee report. We now have a meeting with Walberton PC in the morning re the land transfer and s106 payments for MUGA etc but available late morning or afternoon. Can you give me a quick call to confirm your availability and time.

Thanks and apologies for the delay in getting FPCR response to you.

regards

David Innes

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From: "Holly E. Stanworth" [REDACTED]

Date: 5 February 2020 at 19:16:38 GMT

To: Chris Harrison [REDACTED] Scott Fenner [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Hedge removal and tree works - Fontwell

Hi Chris,

Please find a summary of the constraints to vegetation removal from a dormouse perspective:

‘During vegetation removal early last year, a hazel dormouse nest was discovered within woody vegetation towards the southern extent of the site. Subsequently, hazel dormouse surveys were completed to support the Reserved Matters application which found evidence of dormouse within the north-eastern, southern and western extents of the site. This species is protected by the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) and is a European Protected Species under Schedule 2 of the Conservation of Species and Habitats Regulations 2017 (as amended), making it an offence to deliberately disturb the animal, or damage/destroy a breeding or resting site.

The damage, disturbance and removal of dormouse habitat will require a European Protected Species license, issued by Natural England (NE) to be in place before works to substantial areas of woody vegetation commences. This license is currently being drawn up, but cannot be submitted to Natural England until the layout has been approved, along with the relevant conditions relating to ecology.

The vegetation which has established around the central coppiced tree line was found to comprise bracken and bramble in August 2019. This area therefore has potential to support hibernating dormice at this time, and an offence may be committed through its removal. We would therefore recommend that the mitigation license is secured before the brushwood is removed in its entirety.’

I hope this suffices.

Kind regards,

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