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R.e. Dormouse Mitigation

Dear Liz Rogers,

Further to the recent comments R.e. Ecology for Land at Sunny Corner, Copse Lane, Walberton, the following construction phase mitigation for dormice will be implemented. As dormice are known to be present within the hedgerows a European Protected Species (EPS) Licence will be required to allow any habitat clearance to accommodate work to be carried out on Land at Sunny Corner.

1. All retained hedgerows and trees will be protected during construction using tree protection/ Heras fencing and this will be clearly marked.
2. The removal of sections of hedge or scrub will need to be hand searched by a suitably qualified ecologist and the optimal time for the work to be carried out is the end of October and November but can be carried out through to late March. However, this would be subject to a nesting bird hand search as the bird nesting season is between March 1st and August 31st inclusive.
3. Habitat manipulation will be implemented to minimise the risk of dormice being present within impacted areas. Any scrub habitat to be removed will be cleared in narrow strips and hand searched by a suitably qualified ecologist. The dormice will then relocate in to the adjacent undisturbed habitat.
4. Any stump grinding or ground clearance around the base of hedgerows or scrub will not be carried out between June and August when dormice are using their nests.
5. There will be a net increase in habitat for dormice through the buffer zone planting and creation and enhancement of hedgerows along the boundaries of the site outlined in the Mitigation Statement. Approximately, a total of 2,115 m² of suitable habitat will be created along the northern boundary of the land at Sunny Corner.
6. Full detailed mitigation measures to protect dormice from harm during construction will be provided as part of the EPS Licence method statement. We would rather put full details of the mitigation within the licence method statement rather than the application, as timings may change pending the conclusion of planning and preferred construction timing.

I hope that the above information satisfies your concerns with respect to the dormice mitigation to the Land at Sunny Corner. However, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or queries.

Kindest regards,

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