



Dear Daphney and David

Re: APP/20/01093

I'm writing directly to provide new information for you.

1. You need to be aware that the Brent Geese have now been recorded on photograph and video using the middle section of H34C south of the proposed refuge area, and on the area proposed for housing. These photos were taken yesterday but they have been there for several days this winter.

This section of the field has been planted this year along with the northern section. The southern part of the field was interestingly ploughed but not planted and the Geese have been foraging right up to this section.

This means that the information about the Brent Geese in the Local Plan for H29 and E14 needs updating and the Barratt Homes' commissioned WYB report for the application is factually incorrect. The birds do NOT just forage in the northern part of the field. If the planting is suitable in the rest of the field, they will forage and roost there as well.

It also raises the question about the categorisation. This field could be Core Site not a Primary Support Site but either way this site is currently active despite what appear to be attempts to deter the Geese and lessen the relative importance of the whole site as part of the SPA. It should remain unfragmented and whole not compensated for through tenuous linking to IN1K (E26) which is separate and NOT ADJACENT to the field H34C.

There are continued issues surrounding the Tyler Grange Conditions S106 related to the Oysters, where the whole field was meant to undergoing the crop rotation that was successful for the Geese up to the end of winter 2018.

Incidentally, Barratt Homes have still not maintained the fences along the east side of H34C to prevent dog walkers on the field which gives no confidence that they will follow through any of the new proposals and conditions they have paid lip service to in recent years.

I need to point out that, in the northern and mid section, walkers and dogs on leads have not disturbed the geese, although a jogger, who crossed over from one side to the other following the unusual line of planting, temporarily disturbed them but they still returned fairly quickly to the crop that attracts them so much along with the shelter this part of the field provides.

If the southern most part had been planted they would have come even further south in search of food. Yesterday they actually landed on the unplanted section before settling down as far south as they could in the mid section.

You already have on record our concerns about the strange planting regimes since winter 2018 in my additional letter to the objection of the original application APP/18/00724.

This has clearly manipulated any Brent Goose survey data and contradicts the Tyler Grange Condition.

This 2020 autumn planting of the mid section without the southern section also raises many questions as to what the farmer was being asked to do by the owners or developers.

Are they trying to suggest that Brent Geese don't use the field?

2. I spent a long time yesterday trying to find the Solent Birds APP that I have used successfully before in order to formally upload the photos but this appears to have been removed and replaced with no opportunity to record Brent Geese as simply as before. After searching through the Bird Aware website, with which HBC are linked, I ended up sending to an ornithologist related to HIWWT but he had to forward this on as he wasn't part of any Brent Goose survey. Can you point me in the right direction please.

3. The Langstone Harbour Board Objection to this application has been wrongly titled in the documents section as 'Environment Agency'. I hope this mistake will be amended as soon as possible especially as their previous objection was omitted from the mentioned consultees who objected to APP/18/00724. in the advisory DMC 29th October 2020.

I look forward to your reply.