

Dear Lesley,

APP/21/01376 | Erection of 9No. dwellings together with associated works (resubmission of APP/21/00683). | Land adjacent to 54, Long Copse Lane, Emsworth 22.0576

Thank you for consulting me on this application. Thank you for your patience.

In accordance with condition 9, the applicant has submitted an Environmental Mitigation Management Plan (Tetra Tech, May 2022). This document is not as detailed as the previously submitted Long Copse Lane Management Plan (WYG, May 2022), and does not really add any new detail. I am not entirely sure why there is an urgent need to discharge this particular condition now, when there is still a degree of uncertainty in relation to some aspects of works and the document will need amending (e.g. see paragraph 1.1). I would rather have a more detail document, closer to the time of works commencing, and that reflects the firmed-up timetable for works.

The previous Management Plan contained useful maps showing the location of existing and proposed habitats, with details of exactly what management is proposed in different locations. I would suggest that these plans be included within the EMMP: at present the EMMP contains no visible illustration of where works will occur. The EMMP is to be disseminated to non-specialists prior to construction and it is imperative that it is unambiguous in its instructions.

I would also request that the EMMP contains a timetable of works, providing a clear framework for each stage of ecological mitigation and enhancement. The proposal is to monitor the translocated turf and to intervene should further actions be required. I would like to see further detail of the proposed monitoring (covering the stated 30-year period) and the monitoring methods and indicators of success/failure. It is imperative that the LPA has a document that can be used to measure initial translocation works as well as the ongoing monitoring and management of grassland and scrub habitats.

If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

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