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Sent: 16 September 2015 13:13
To: Steve Weaver
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Dear Steve,

APP/15/00624 Extension of existing railway platform to east and revisions to existing track layout. Light Railway, Sea Front, Hayling Island 15.1515

Thank you for consulting me on this application. Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding to you. In summary, I consider that further information is required.

This application is not accompanied by any detailed ecological assessment and I have therefore undertaken my own non-exhaustive desk-based assessment using online sources, GIS mapping and the application documents.

The application site falls within part of Sinah Warren Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), a nationally-important nature conservation site. There needs to be a quantitative and qualitative assessment, by a suitably-qualified ecologist, of the impact to the SSSI (and any flora and fauna supported by it) and details of how any such impacts will be avoided, mitigated and compensated. This requirement is clearly set out in the consultation response from Natural England, the statutory body charged with protecting SSSIs, dated July 2015. Any works within a SSSI require assent from Natural England and there must be no net loss of habitat, necessitating that any short-term loss is adequately compensated for.

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

Kind regards,

Tristan

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From: Steve Weaver [<mailto:Steve.Weaver@havant.gov.uk>]
Sent: 03 October 2014 09:04
To: Norton, Tristan
Subject: RE: Eastoke Corner railway depot

Tristan

Further to John's email below, I'd be grateful if you could confirm whether the methodology set out for (a) track area and (b) compensation land are acceptable in terms of addressing the proposal's impact on the SINC.

Assuming that is so, I'd be looking to impose conditions on any planning permission to the effect that:

- (a) Track construction and ground restoration on the application site to be carried out in accordance with John's report prior to the bringing into use of the new tracks;
- (b) Compensation land to be provided in broad accordance with John's report prior to any work commencing in respect of the construction of the depot building.

Hope my suggested approach is acceptable. This application is going to be considered at our Development Management Committee on 16th October, so I need to have bottomed out the ecology issues by then.

Any queries, please give me a call.

Thanks

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From: John Norton [<mailto:john@jnecology.com>]
Sent: 02 October 2014 15:40
To: Tristan Norton

Cc: Steve Weaver; 'Cliff Robinson'
Subject: Eastoke Corner railway depot

Dear Tristan,

Please find attached a revised version of my response letter in relation to the Eastoke railway depot.

Let me know if you have any queries.

Kind regards

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