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A. Mitigation and Compensation

A.1 Summary of mitigation strategy

The named ecologist or an accredited agent (who would also be an ecologist with experience of working with dormice) will give a toolbox talk to all contractors prior to working on the site in order to inform them of the presence of dormice and other protected species and the requirements of the licence.

All works that have the potential to disturb dormice, including all vegetation clearance works, will only be undertaken in the presence of the named ecologist or accredited agent.

A drawing (Figure 15.2 Rev D) setting out ecological mitigation and enhancement measures for the site and a drawing showing woodland Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation(SINC)s and the location of the hedgerows (H1, H2, H3 and Adder Hedge), and dormouse habitat to be lost specifically related to the link road can be found in Figure 1 Rev A. The area of scrub habitat and trees to be lost is approximately 2.3 ha, and is therefore a small proportion of the wider network of scrub, hedgerows and woodland habitats found within the immediate vicinity. There will be localised reduction in available habitat and habitat connectivity, potentially affecting dormouse movement through the site; however it will not reduce the site's carrying capacity for dormice.

Thirty dormouse nest boxes will be placed in suitable retained dormouse habitat adjoining the area of the proposed link road, such as Beech Wood East SINC, Neville's Park East SINC and Cherry Tree Row SINC (ten dormouse nest boxes in each of these SINC)s. Areas of dormouse habitat to be retained are to be identified and marked on a location drawing to be kept as part of a Construction and Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) CEMP will be prepared by the Contractor in consultation with a suitably experienced ecologist and a landscape architect; and ensure that these areas are protected by high visibility fencing in order to minimise the risk of accidental incursion by machinery and personnel.

Mitigation strategy for the proposed Hulbert Road roundabout and new lay-bys, link road, Hermitage Stream realignment and road bridge

A suitable haul route will be determined by the contractor with the ecologist that will minimise the risk of harming dormice by avoiding, where practical, any suitable dormouse habitat such as scrub and shrubs; and if necessary any suitable dormouse habitat within this haul route will be hand-searched by the ecologist prior to being cleared by hand. Pre-clearance searches of any suitable vegetation to be undertaken by the named ecologist or an accredited agent in order to search for dormouse nests within the vegetation which may have dormice within or hibernating dormice at the base of suitable trees and shrubs.

If any active dormice are found they will be carefully placed in an empty dormouse box with nesting material and transferred no more than 100 m to a suitable dormouse box already in place within the retained dormouse habitat, such as Beech Wood East SINC, Neville's Park East SINC and Cherry Tree Row SINC.

In the unlikely event that any torpid dormice are found during the pre-clearance hand search then they will be placed in a cloth bag (with winter nest if there is one) to avoid warming them up more than necessary in the hand. They will be taken straight to an adjacent area of similar dormouse habitat that is to be retained, and a similar hibernating place will be found. If necessary, moss and leaves will be collected to ensure the dormouse is properly covered.

Should the torpid dormouse begin to arouse during the relocation then it will be kept in captivity and returned to site in the spring / summer (in line with suitable seasonal weather conditions). The

release site for any taken, captive overwintering dormice will be within a suitable area of retained habitat as close to the site it was taken from as possible. The Hart Wildlife Rescue Centre in Medstead, near Alton, has confirmed that they will be able to care for any awoken dormice over the winter. Therefore in the unlikely event a torpid dormouse needs to be taken into captivity, this is where it will be taken immediately. The centre is located approximately 24 miles from the site.

Some trees within suitable dormouse habitat in Cherry Tree Row SINC which will be affected by the Hermitage Stream realignment have high/moderate bat roosting potential. These will not be felled until further bat surveys are carried out in April/May 2014.

Trees, shrubs and scrub will be coppiced with hand tools to approximately (30 cm) above ground level and is currently timetabled for March 2014, when dormice would be torpid at / below ground level, and, where practical, removing all material by hand to avoid impacts on dormice. A check will be made for occupied bird nests before any vegetation clearance work takes place, and work will be delayed if required to protect an occupied nest. Trees should be felled using directional felling in order to minimise ground disturbance. Following a search by the named ecologist or an accredited agent for any dormice, ground disturbance, such as grubbing out tree roots and soil stripping can be undertaken in June after dormice have emerged from hibernation in May.

Enhancement of retained dormouse habitat through installation of nest boxes will be undertaken prior to any vegetation clearance.

The following vegetation planting will be undertaken post construction of the proposed link road, Hulbert Road roundabout, replacement lay-bys, and Hermitage Stream realignment and will be planted during the appropriate planting season (November - March);

- Buffer planting of woodland edge mix to act as a buffer zone for woodland edges to Neville's Park East and West Wood SINC's;
- Buffer planting of woodland edge mix and inter-planting amongst existing trees on the Highways Agency verge approaching the Hulbert Road roundabout;
- A new hedgerow of mixed native species of local provenance on the west and east sides of the proposed link road from the Hulbert Road entrance;
- New hedgerows of mixed native species of local provenance linking from the road bridge and dormouse crossing point (underpass) to retained dormouse habitat of Beech Wood East SINC, Cherry Tree Row SINC and the scrub habitat of the A3 (M) verge;
- Native climbers of local provenance, such as wild honeysuckle will be planted on the mesh of the dormouse crossing point (underpass);
- Planting of semi-mature pedunculate oaks along the east verge of the proposed link road to replace those which will be lost and;
- All vegetation to be planted for this link road will be maintained in order for it to become established; and the planting will be monitored during the establishment period and any failing/dead plants must be replaced with same native species.

The planting for woodland edge mix and inter-planting will comprise of native woodland species of local provenance, such as but not restricted solely to hazel, blackthorn, hawthorn, hornbeam, wild honeysuckle, and field maple.

Approximately 1 ha of vegetation planting will be undertaken for the link road; however as described in the master plan attached with this application, the wider network of scrub, hedgerows and woodland habitats within the immediate vicinity of the site will be retained and enhanced with protective buffer planting of native species. The habitat to be enhanced with the buffer planting will be 3 ha. The location of all this buffer planting and approximate locations of the dormouse nest boxes can be seen in Figure 15.2 Rev D in C.1.4 for the whole site. The planting for the link road, road bridge, Hulbert Road roundabout and replacement lay-bys can be seen in Drawing no: 5099849/PLH/LSC/1001 – Rev A in C.1.4.

A dormouse crossing point (underpass) constructed from meshing with planted native climbers of local provenance will be installed under the new link road bridge over the Hermitage Stream to reinstate the linkage between Beech Wood East SINC and Neville's Park East Wood SINC that will be lost to the new link road. New hedgerows of mixed native species, with particular emphasis on fruiting shrubs of importance to dormice such as hazel, will be planted either side of the bridge in order to maintain habitat connectivity. A drawing showing the design of the proposed road bridge with the meshing and a photograph of an example of a dormouse underpass can be found in C.1.4. The photograph was taken by Paul Chanin from The Dormouse Monitor Spring 2011¹.

Monitoring of the dormouse crossing point (underpass) will be undertaken as part of the Natural England development licence using infra-red camera or other suitable method by a suitably qualified ecologist to determine whether dormice are using the meshing and vegetation structure under the bridge. The monitoring will be incorporated in the CEMP and will be undertaken during the post-works monitoring period of 5 years.

Mitigation strategy for the link road from the hotel roundabout to Woolston Road

Retained sections of hedgerow will be protected by a buffer equivalent to the Root Protection Zone defined by the British Standard Trees in Relation to Construction (BS BS5837:2012). All works and vehicle movements within the Root Protection Zone will be minimised, and strictly controlled according to the latest British Standards. Sensitive areas would be identified and delineated in advance of on-site works and the movement of machinery restricted in these areas in order to prevent root compaction and accidental damage to trees and hedges.

All mitigation measures and methodology for vegetation clearance will be the same as described previously.

Following construction of the link road, native semi-mature trees such as hornbeam will be planted either side of the gap leading to the retained Hedgerow H3 and the retained trees/scrub of Cherry Tree Row SINC. These native semi-mature trees will also be planted to act as bat "hop-over's" as described in the bat mitigation section of the Dunsbury Hill Environmental Statement (ES)².

The following vegetation planting and monitoring will be undertaken post construction;

- A landscape monitoring programme will be set up for the semi-mature native tree planting to ensure that there is sufficient survival of these trees. Corrective measures will be taken should these trees fail;

To the north of the site is an area of fallow arable field (approximately 3 ha) owned by Portsmouth City Council. This field will become a habitat creation area as part of the mitigation for the proposed business park. Planting for this area will include native woodland edge and scrub, species-rich grassland (composition to be finalised at detailed design) and two natural ponds. The turf from the existing species-rich grassland within the footprint of the proposed hotel will be used to contribute to the habitat creation area. Log piles and hibernaculas will be created using felled timber and brash from the proposed link road. The habitat creation area and mitigation is referred to in the Dunsbury Hill Environmental Statement Volume 1 Section 15³.

¹ People's Trust for Endangered Species (Spring 2011) The Dormouse Monitor

² Atkins (March 2012) Dunsbury Hill Farm Environmental Statement Volume 1 Chapter 15 Ecology Paragraph 15.136

³ Atkins (March 2012) Dunsbury Hill Farm Environmental Statement Volume 1 Chapter 15 Ecology

A Habitat Management and Maintenance Plan which describes the mitigation and planting for the habitat creation area, plus all the planting associated with the link road and bridge, Hulbert Road roundabout, replacement lay-bys and Hermitage Stream realignment has been produced in February 2014 and is included in this licence application⁴.

The Habitat Management and Maintenance Plan will also aid in meeting the Core Strategy requirement⁵ for the proposed development to meet a BREEAM “excellent” standard. To the north-west boundary of this field is Beech Wood East SINC leading to trees and scrub on land owned by the Highways Agency on the verge of the A3 (M). To the east and south boundaries of this field are hedges with a number of standard mature pedunculate oak trees. The area of dormouse habitat that will be created here is 0.54 ha and this habitat will provide connectivity to the Highways Agency verge of the A3 (M), Beech Wood East SINC and Park Lane hedgerows, including Park Lane Short Hedgerow H2).

Hedgerow H2 will also be buffer planted as part of the wider development and is referred to in the Dunsbury Hill Farm Dormouse Master Plan (Atkins, February 2014)⁶.

B. Works to be undertaken by the ecologist or suitably experienced person

B.1 Search and habitat clearance

The named ecologist or an accredited agent (who would also be an ecologist with experience of working with dormice) will give a toolbox talk to all contractors prior to working on the site in order to inform them of the presence of dormice and other protected species and the requirements of the licence.

Areas of dormouse habitat to be retained will be identified and marked on a location drawing to be kept as part of a Construction and Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) (CEMP will be prepared by the Contractor in consultation with a suitably experienced ecologist and landscape architect); and the CEMP will also include a commitment to ensure that these areas are protected by high visibility fencing in order to minimise the risk of accidental incursion by machinery and personnel.

A suitable haul route will be determined by the contractor with the ecologist that will minimise the risk of harming dormice by avoiding, where practical, any suitable dormouse habitat such as scrub and shrubs; and if necessary any suitable dormouse habitat within this haul route will be hand-searched by the ecologist prior to being cleared by hand. Pre-clearance searches of any suitable vegetation to be undertaken by a named ecologist in order to search for dormouse nests or torpid dormice at the base of suitable trees and shrubs.

⁴ Atkins (February 2014) Dunsbury Hill Farm Habitat Management and Maintenance Plan

⁵ Atkins (March 2012) Dunsbury Hill Farm Sustainability Statement

⁶ Atkins (February 2014) Dunsbury Hill Farm Dormouse Master Plan

B.2 Capture and release

If any active dormice are found they will be carefully placed in an empty dormouse box with nesting material and transferred no more than 100 m to a suitable dormouse box already in place within the retained dormouse habitat, such as Beech Wood East SINC, Neville's Park East SINC and Cherry Tree Row SINC.

In the unlikely event that any torpid dormice are found during the pre-clearance hand search then they will be placed in a cloth bag (with winter nest if there is one) to avoid warming them up more than necessary in the hand. They will be taken straight to an adjacent area of similar dormouse habitat that is to be retained, and a similar hibernating place will be found. If necessary, moss and leaves will be collected to ensure the dormouse is properly covered.

Should the torpid dormouse begin to arouse during the relocation then it will be kept in captivity and returned to site in the spring / summer (in line with suitable seasonal weather conditions). The release site for any taken, captive overwintering dormice will be as close to the site it was taken from as possible within a suitable area of retained habitat. The Hart Wildlife Rescue Centre in Medstead near Alton has confirmed that they will be able to care for any awoken dormice over the winter. Therefore in the unlikely event a torpid dormouse needs to be taken into captivity, this is where it will be taken immediately. The centre is located approximately 24 miles from the site.

C. Works to be undertaken by the developer/landowner

C.1 Dormouse habitat

C.1.1 Habitat clearance

The developer will ensure that all contractors are given the toolbox talk on dormice by the named ecologist or accredited agent prior to work on the site.

Trees, shrubs and scrub will be coppiced with hand tools to approximately (30 cm) above ground level and is currently timetabled for March 2014, when dormice would be torpid at / below ground level, and, where practical, removing all material by hand to avoid impacts on dormice. A check will be made for occupied bird nests before any vegetation clearance work takes place, and work will be delayed if required to protect an occupied nest. Trees should be felled using directional felling in order to minimise ground disturbance. Following a search by the named ecologist or an accredited agent for any dormice, ground disturbance, such as grubbing out tree roots and soil stripping can be undertaken in June after dormice have emerged from hibernation in May.

C.1.2 Modification of retained habitat

Areas of dormouse habitat to be retained are to be identified and marked on a location drawing to be kept as part of a Construction and Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) CEMP prepared by the Contractor with a suitably experienced ecologist and landscape architect; and the developer will ensure that these areas are protected by high visibility fencing in order to minimise the risk of accidental incursion by machinery and personnel.

Retained sections of hedgerow will be protected by a buffer equivalent to the Root Protection Zone defined by the British Standard Trees in Relation to Construction (BS BS5837:2012). All works and

vehicle movements within the Root Protection Zone will be minimised, and strictly controlled according to the latest British Standards. Sensitive areas would be identified and delineated in advance of on-site works and the movement of machinery restricted in these areas in order to prevent root compaction and accidental damage to trees and hedges.

C.1.3 New habitat creation (including dormouse boxes)

Thirty dormouse nest boxes will be placed in suitable retained dormouse habitat adjoining the area of the proposed link road, including Beech Wood East SINC, Neville's Park East SINC and Cherry Tree Row SINC (ten dormouse nest boxes in each of these SINCs). These will be installed prior to clearance of existing dormouse habitat.

The following vegetation planting will be undertaken post construction of the proposed link road and Hulbert Road roundabout, replacement lay-bys, and Hermitage Stream realignment, and will be planted during the appropriate planting season (November - March);

- Buffer planting of woodland edge mix to act as a buffer zone for woodland edges to Neville's Park East and West Wood SINCs;
- Vegetation planting of woodland edge mix and inter-planting amongst existing trees on the Highways Agency verge approaching the Hulbert Road roundabout;
- A new hedgerow of mixed native species of local provenance on the west and east verges of the proposed link road from the Hulbert Road entrance;
- New hedgerows of mixed native species of local provenance linking from the road bridge and dormouse crossing point (underpass) to retained dormouse habitat of Beech Wood East SINC, Cherry Tree Row SINC and the scrub habitat of the A3 (M) verge;
- Native climbers of local provenance, such as wild honeysuckle will be planted on the mesh of the dormouse crossing point (underpass);
- Planting of semi-mature pedunculate oaks along the east verge of the proposed link road to replace those which will be lost;
- Buffer hedgerow planting for the Adder Hedge to protect the adder/reptile hibernacula on the south-east corner of this hedgerow, and to link up with Cherry Tree Row SINC and;
- All vegetation to be planted for this link road will be maintained in order for it to become established; and the planting will be monitored during the establishment period and any failing/dead plants must be replaced with same native species.

The planting for woodland edge mix and inter-planting will comprise of native woodland species of local provenance, such as but not restricted solely to hazel, blackthorn, hawthorn, hornbeam, wild honeysuckle, and field maple.

A dormouse crossing point (underpass) constructed from meshing with planted native climbers of local provenance will be installed under the new link road bridge over the Hermitage Stream to reinstate the linkage between Beech Wood East SINC and Neville's Park East Wood SINC that will be lost to the new link road. New hedgerows of mixed native species, with particular emphasis on fruiting shrubs of importance to dormice such as hazel, will be planted either side of the bridge in order to maintain habitat connectivity. A drawing showing the design of the proposed road bridge with the meshing and a photograph of an example of a dormouse underpass can be found in section C.1.4 below. The photograph was taken by Paul Chanin from The Dormouse Monitor Spring 2011⁷.

⁷ People's Trust for Endangered Species (Spring 2011) The Dormouse Monitor

Monitoring of the dormouse underpass will be undertaken as part of the Natural England development licence using an infra-red camera or other suitable method by a suitably qualified ecologist to determine whether dormice are using the meshing and vegetation structure under the bridge. The monitoring will be incorporated in the CEMP and will be undertaken during the post-works monitoring period of 5 years.

Following construction of the link road, native semi-mature trees such as hornbeam will be planted either side of the gap leading to the retained Hedgerow H3 and the retained trees/scrub of Cherry Tree Row SINC. These native semi-mature trees will also be planted to act as bat “hop-over’s” as described in the bat mitigation section of the Dunsbury Hill Environmental Statement (ES)⁸.

The following vegetation planting and monitoring will be undertaken post construction;

- A landscape monitoring programme will be set up for the semi-mature native tree planting to ensure that there is sufficient survival of these trees. Corrective measures will be taken should these trees fail;

To the north of the site is an area of fallow arable field (approximately 3 ha) owned by Portsmouth City Council. This field will become a habitat creation area as part of the mitigation for the proposed business park. Planting for this area will include native woodland edge and scrub, species-rich grassland (composition to be finalised at detailed design) and two natural ponds. The turf from the existing species-rich grassland within the footprint of the proposed hotel will be used to contribute to the habitat creation area. Log piles and hibernacula’s will be created using felled timber and brash from the proposed link road. The habitat creation area and mitigation is referred to in the Dunsbury Hill Environmental Statement Volume 1 Section 15⁹. A Habitat Management and Maintenance Plan which describes the mitigation and planting for the habitat creation area, plus all the planting associated with the link road and bridge, Hulbert Road roundabout, replacement lay-bys and Hermitage Stream realignment is included in this licence application as a separate document¹⁰.

The Habitat Management and Maintenance Plan will also aid in meeting the Core Strategy requirement¹¹ for the proposed development to meet a BREEAM “excellent” standard.

To the north-west boundary of this field is Beech Wood East SINC leading to trees and scrub on land owned by the Highways Agency on the verge of the A3 (M). To the east and south boundaries of this field are hedges with a number of standard mature pedunculate oak trees.

The area of dormouse habitat that will be created here is 0.54 ha and this habitat will provide connectivity to the Highways Agency verge of the A3 (M), Beech Wood East SINC and Park Lane hedgerows, including Park Lane Short Hedgerow H2).

Hedgerow H2 will also be buffer planted as part of the wider development and is referred to in the Dunsbury Hill Farm Dormouse Master Plan (Atkins, February 2014)¹².

⁸ Atkins (March 2012) Dunsbury Hill Farm Environmental Statement Volume 1 Chapter 15 Ecology Paragraph 15.136

⁹ Atkins (March 2012) Dunsbury Hill Farm Environmental Statement Volume 1 Chapter 15 Ecology

¹⁰ Atkins (February 2014) Dunsbury Hill Farm Habitat Management and Maintenance Plan

¹¹ Atkins (March 2012) Dunsbury Hill Farm Sustainability Statement

¹² Atkins (February 2014) Dunsbury Hill Farm Dormouse Master Plan

C.1.4 Scaled maps/plans

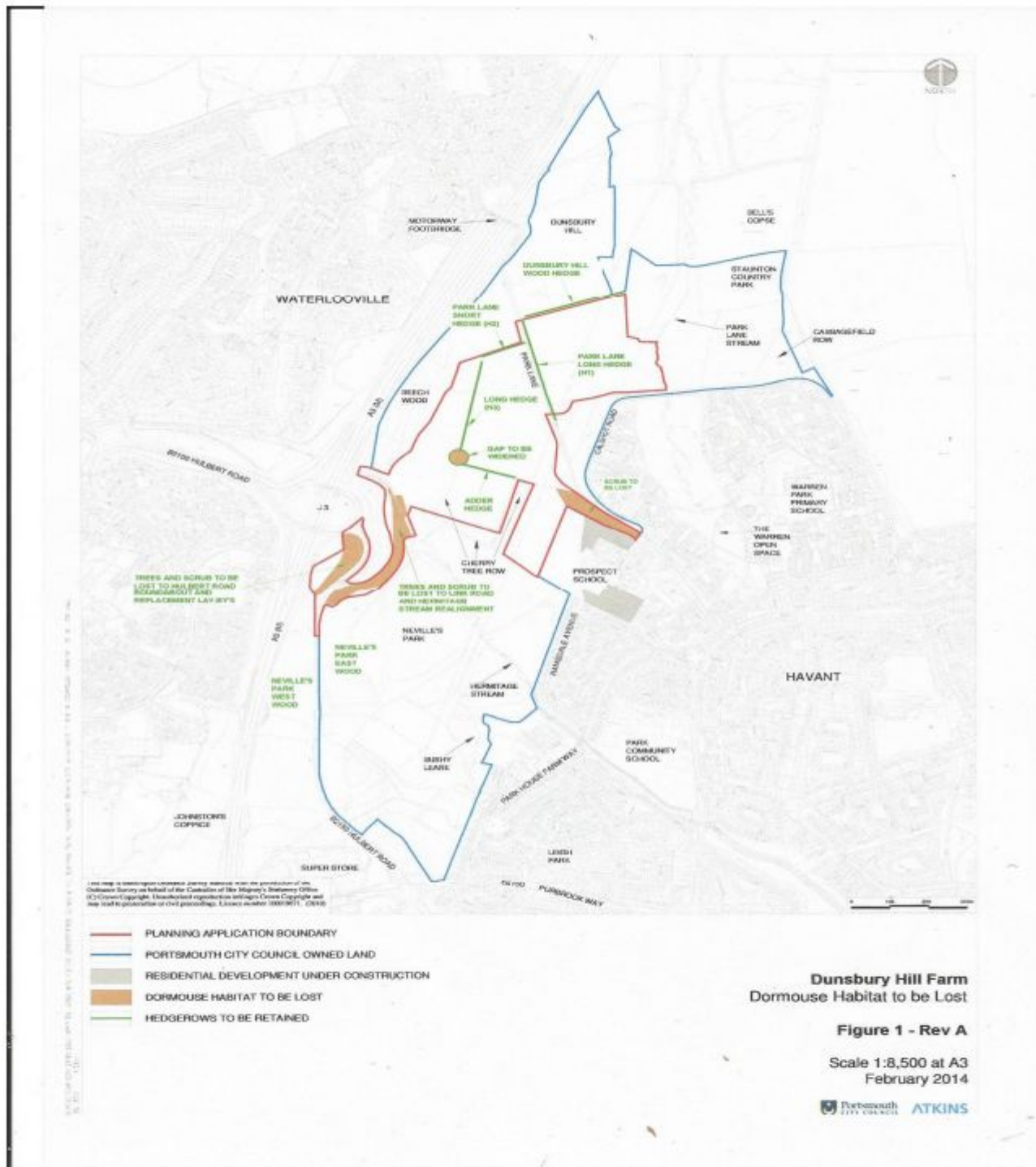


Figure 1 Rev A Drawing showing location of retained hedgerows and woodland SINC's across the site and dormouse habitat to be lost

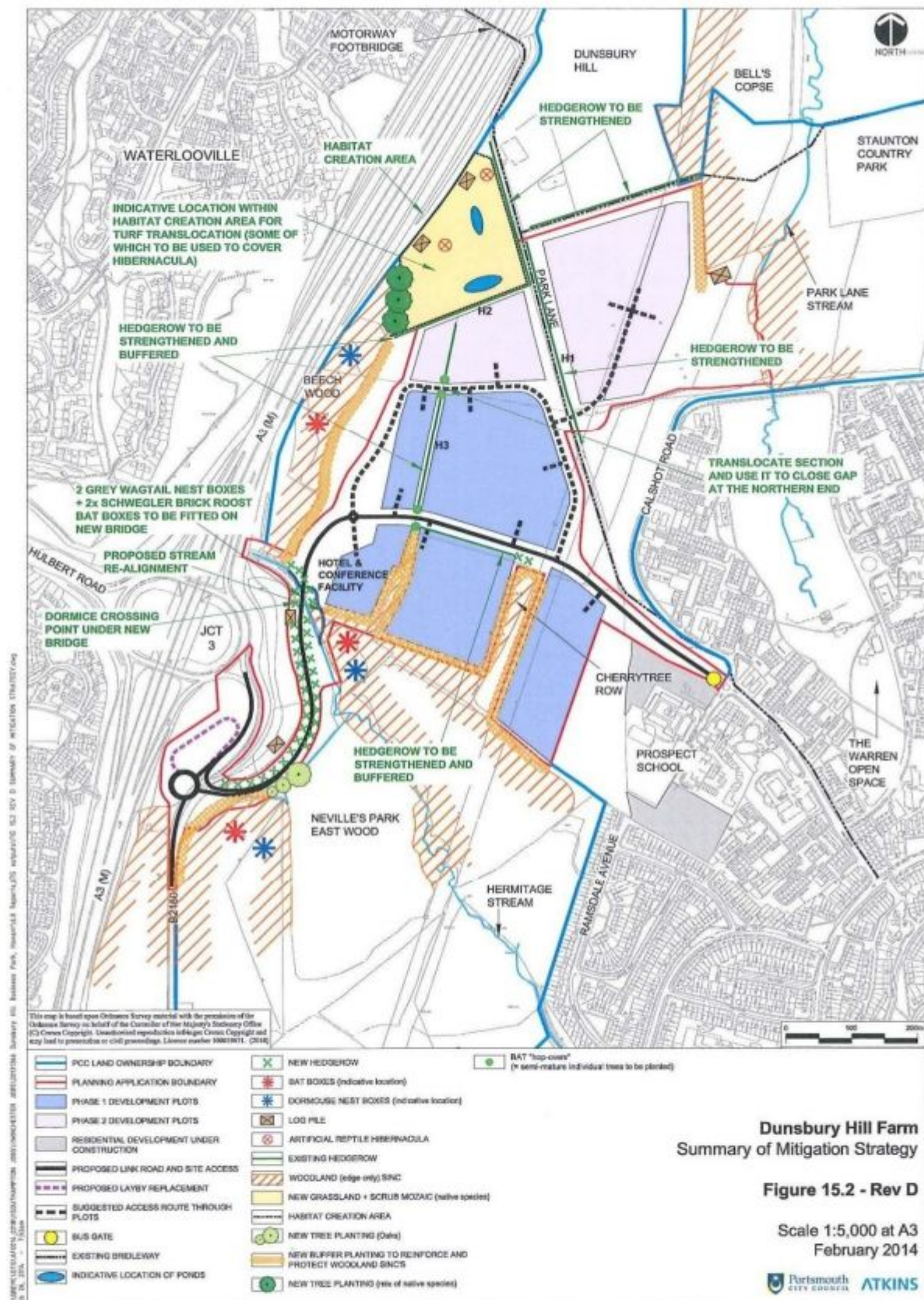
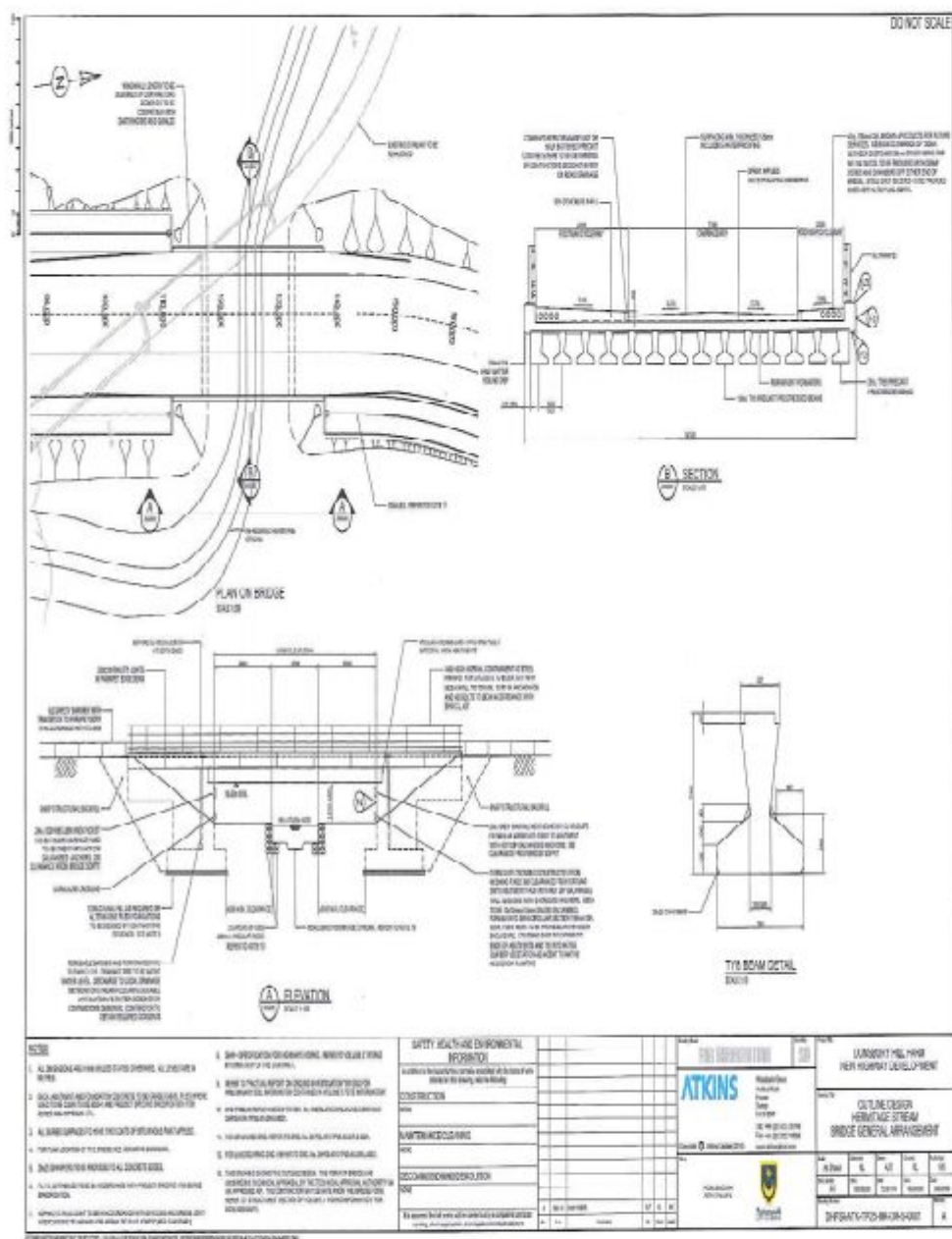


Figure 15.2 Rev D. Summary of Mitigation Strategy showing proposed link road, access roads into development plots and the Phase 1 and 2 development plots along with habitat enhancement and creation



Drawing No: 5099849/PLH/LSC/1001 – Rev A Planting for Link Road

Drawing No: DHFSI - ATK -TP25- BR - DR - S -0001 Rev A showing details of dormouse underpass within link road bridge



design

Photo of example of dormouse underpass below taken by Paul Chanin for The Dormouse Monitor Spring 2011 People's Trust for Endangered Species (PTES)



Photo courtesy of Paul Chanin

D. Post-development site safeguard

D.1 Habitat/site management and maintenance

All vegetation to be planted for the proposed link road and road bridge will be maintained in order for it to become established; and the planting will be monitored during establishment and any failing/dead plants will be replaced with same native species as stated in CEMP produced for the proposed development

The details of habitat management and maintenance are included in the Dunsbury Hill Farm Habitat Management and Maintenance Plan¹³. This is a separate document that will accompany this licence application.

A landscape monitoring programme will be set up for the buffer planting, native climbing plants for the dormouse crossing point (underpass), semi-mature native tree planting and new hedgerows to ensure that there is sufficient survival of individual plants, and in particular that the planted hedgerows remain intact along their length. It will also be necessary to monitor the diversity of the new hedgerows to ensure that the species diversity is at least equal to that of the hedgerows they have replaced. Corrective measures will be taken should gaps appear in the hedgerows or woody species are lost from them.

A woodland management plan for Beech Wood East SINC will be prepared by the Contractor's suitably experienced ecologist and the agreed measures implemented, as part of the Phase 1 and Phase 2 development plot works as described in the Dunsbury Hill Dormouse Master Plan accompanying this licence application. The habitat creation area and mitigation is referred to in the Dunsbury Hill Environmental Statement Volume 1 Section 15¹⁴ and in the Dunsbury Hill Farm Dormouse Master Plan (Atkins, February 2014)¹⁵.

The dormouse crossing point (underpass) will be monitored to ensure that they remain intact and will be repaired if any damage occurs.

D.2 Population monitoring, habitat usage etc.

The dormouse nest boxes will be monitored twice a year (spring and autumn) for the duration of the construction period (2014 and 2015) of the link road and Phase 1 by a licensed ecologist, and monitoring of dormouse nest boxes and mitigation measures will continue for 3 years from 2016 as part of the 5 years post-works monitoring. Any damaged or missing dormouse nest boxes will be replaced.

Monitoring of the dormouse underpass will be undertaken as part of the Natural England development licence using an infra-red camera or other suitable method by a suitably qualified ecologist to determine whether dormice are using the meshing and vegetation structure under the bridge. The monitoring will be incorporated in the CEMP and will be undertaken during the post-works monitoring period of 5 years.

A five-year post-construction monitoring plan will be drawn up by a suitably qualified ecologist, in collaboration with a landscape architect and incorporated into the CEMP¹⁶.

¹³ Atkins (February 2014) Dunsbury Hill Farm Habitat Management and Maintenance Plan

¹⁴ Atkins (March 2012) Dunsbury Hill Farm Environmental Statement Volume 1 Chapter 15 Ecology

¹⁵ Atkins (February 2014) Dunsbury Hill Farm Dormouse Master Plan

¹⁶ Atkins (March 2012) Dunsbury Hill Farm Environmental Statement Volume 1 Chapter 15 Ecology Paragraph 15.106

D.3 Mechanism for ensuring delivery of post-development works

Mitigation measures outlined in the Dunsbury Hill ES Volume 1 Section 15 Ecology¹⁷ and referred to throughout this Method Statement 2 – Delivery Information; including the habitat creation area and woodland management plan for Beech Wood East SINC, along with the monitoring measures detailed above, will be implemented under a Section 106 Agreement in order to ensure that the construction and operation of the Proposed Development complies with legislation relating to protected species. Confidence in the assessment of significance will depend on the success of mitigation, and measures will be employed to monitor mitigation success and provide corrective measures. A five-year post-construction monitoring plan will therefore be drawn up by the Contractor's suitably qualified ecologist, in collaboration with a landscape architect and incorporated into the CEMP¹⁸.

E. Land ownership

E.1 Mitigation site ownership

All land within the planning application boundary, the proposed habitat creation area and all the SINCS are owned and managed by Portsmouth City Council.

E.2 Declaration statement(s)

E.2.1 I confirm the relevant landowner consent has been granted to accept dormice onto land outside the applicant's ownership

– not applicable

E.2.2 I confirm that landowner consent has been granted to allow the creation of proposed habitat compensation on land within the applicant's ownership and outside the planning application boundary

– Yes, a copy of this is provided below

E.2.3 I confirm that consent has been granted by the relevant landowner for monitoring and maintenance purposes on land within the applicant's ownership and outside the planning application boundary

– Yes, a copy of this is provided below

¹⁷ Atkins (March 2012) Dunsbury Hill Farm Environmental Statement Volume 1 Chapter 15 Ecology

¹⁸ Atkins (March 2012) Dunsbury Hill Farm Environmental Statement Volume 1 Chapter 15 Ecology Paragraph 15.106



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Dear Mr Winchester

Re Dunsbury Hill Farm Development

Please accept this letter as written confirmation that Portsmouth City Council is the sole landowner of the above site which is the subject of the current EPS Pre-submission Screening Service application.

Please be advised that it is the intention of the council to retain ownership of the sites and accordingly we agree to carry out the landscape planting needed to enhance and protect the retained hedges and woodland sites, identified as Sites of Important Nature Conservation (SINCs), as well as the habitat creation area. Additionally, we agree to maintain these features and to allow the post-work monitoring of the site.

It is, of course, possible that one or more of the sites in question could be sold in the future. In this event then any such sale would be conditional on the above planting and landscaping being maintained by the new occupier (or by Portsmouth City Council on their behalf) subject to any new licenses and mitigation measures being agreed.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kathy Wadsworth".

Kathy Wadsworth
Director of Regeneration

F. Timetable of works

Dunsbury Hill Farm Link Road, Hulbert Road Roundabout and Replacement Lay-bys; and Hermitage Stream Realignment

2014										
Activity	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Install dormouse boxes										
Tool box talk to clearance contractors, hand search of all vegetation along haul route, Ecological Clerk of Works of vegetation clearance and tree felling * Except trees with tag no's 478 and 482 in relation to the Hermitage Stream realignment which subject to at least one dusk/dawn emergence/re-entry bat survey in April/May (these trees, assuming no bat roost is found, will then be felled in May/June).			*	*						
Creation of log piles and hibernacula in habitat creation area										
Tool box talk to clearance contractors, hand search of all remaining tree stumps, Ecological Clerk of Works of tree stump removal										
Construction of link road, bridge, Hulbert Road roundabout, replacement lay-bys and Hermitage Stream realignment										
Monitoring of dormouse nest boxes										

2015												
Activity	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Construction of link road, bridge, Hulbert Road roundabout, replacement lay-bys and Hermitage Stream realignment												
Monitoring of dormouse nest boxes												
Planting of trees, shrubs, hedgerows and climbers for link road, bridge, Hulbert Road roundabout, replacement lay-bys and Hermitage Stream realignment												

2016												
Activity	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Monitoring of dormouse nest boxes												
Planting of trees, shrubs, hedgerows and climbers for link road, bridge, Hulbert Road roundabout, replacement lay-bys and Hermitage Stream realignment												

2017-2018												
Activity	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Monitoring of dormouse nest boxes												

2016-2020												
Activity	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Monitoring of dormouse crossing point (underpass)												

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