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Subject: RE: APP/13/00266 Havant Retail Park, Portsdown Hill Road, Havant.13.0356

Dear Sally,

Many thanks for forwarding me the email containing the updating badger survey and position statement letter from White Young Green.

The badger report states that additional site visits were undertaken during May, June and July 2013 in order to ascertain the level of usage of the site by badgers. In summary, no evidence of badgers was recorded and it is concluded that the species is not present on site. I am content that the level of survey effort employed is likely to have allowed an accurate assessment of badgers on site and that, provided standard best-practice precautionary measures are carried out, there should be no impact on the species as a result of the proposals.

Therefore, should you be minded to grant permission, could I suggest that the permission includes a suitably-worded condition such as:

'Immediately prior to site clearance works commencing, an updating badger survey will be undertaken and the results submitted in writing to the Local Planning Authority. The applicant will undertake any necessary mitigation, compensation or enhancement measures resulting from the updating survey. Reason: Under the Protection of Badgers Act 1992, it is an offence to wilfully kill or injure a badger or to intentionally or recklessly interfere with a sett. Any works which will interfere with a sett will need to be carried out under licence.'

I am glad to see that the applicant has been in discussion with Natural England in relation to the potential recreational impacts arising from the proposals. As there is at present no firm framework for managing SDMP-related developer contributions I suspect that this is something for which you are far more able to devise a suitably-worded condition for securing any future contribution.

I trust the above is suitable – if you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

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