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Dear Mr Mason

Havant Exploration Site: Ecological Review

Further to your request for an ecological review of the Havant Exploration Site, I visited the site yesterday 1 October 2012.

The site comprises a gated and stock fenced access road running around two sides of a large grass paddock and leading to the secure fenced compound. The highway access is hard surfaced and the road surface is of compacted material. The site compound comprises a level hard surface constructed by cutting and filling into a slightly sloping pre-existing site such that part is raised above the ground surface and part below and so bounded by banks and cuttings and also by soil stockpiles. There are internal artificial drainage channels around part of the site perimeter.

The whole site is neat and well constructed and because of the fencing provided does not allow for unauthorised access into the adjacent field and nearby woodlands.

The potential of the site to support significant wildlife habitats or notable/protected species is negligible being mainly hard surfaces and lengths of lined drainage channels and lacking vegetation cover.

Only minimal precautions are needed to ensure nil effects on any wildlife interest and this is restricted to avoiding invasion of the access road by vegetation. There is some vegetation invading the edges of the access road from the adjacent field and hedgerow (resulting from lack of use since construction) and I recommend that this is cut back or otherwise removed periodically to avoid further invasion until such time as the site comes into use. This will avoid the potential for protected species (slow-worms) becoming established on the road surface.

Given the very minor matter referred to in the paragraph above, I am happy that operation of the site would have no significant adverse effects on biodiversity.

With kind regards
Yours sincerely

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