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Dear Mr. Millard

**Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)
Planning Application No. 27242/014 for variation of Condition 1 of Planning Permission No. 27242/013 to extend the time for completion of the restoration at Southleigh Landfill, Emsworth Common Road, Emsworth PO9 2PB.**

I refer to your email of the 27th October requesting further information in respect of the background to and the reasons for the request for an extension of time to complete the restoration of the above site. This letter provides the supplementary statement in support of the request outlined in my letter of the 26th October.

The current application 27242/014, which was registered on 27 April 2017, originally proposed to extend the time for completion of the restoration at Southleigh Landfill until 31st May 2018. However, since then there has been a delay to commencement of environmental infrastructure works (permanent installation of gas and leachate pipework) due to contractual issues with our pipework contractor which meant work did not start on site until mid-July. In July and August we experienced higher than average rainfall which further delayed the pipework installation. Final construction of surface water ditches and reinstatement of area affected by the pipework installation was consequently delayed as this work required the completion of the environmental infrastructure work.

For the reasons above it has not been possible to commence the seeding and planting as planned and we have had to postpone the final planting works to 2018. Although it is possible to plant woodland areas in the spring 2018 (March – May) the best time to plant is the autumn to give the planted stock time to establish before harsher conditions in the summer months.

Recent observation have also shown that there is also a much more significant deer population on the site than originally envisaged, which would damage the planted stock and needs to be managed. We have not yet decided on the best way to protect the woodland and negotiations are on-going with contractors in this regard. It is vital we have the right controls in place before we commence the woodland planting.

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The extension of time requested is therefore to ensure that we have sufficient time to give the woodland planting every chance of success. All other restoration works will be completed this year so no soil imports will be required in 2018. The only activities to be undertaken in 2018 will be:

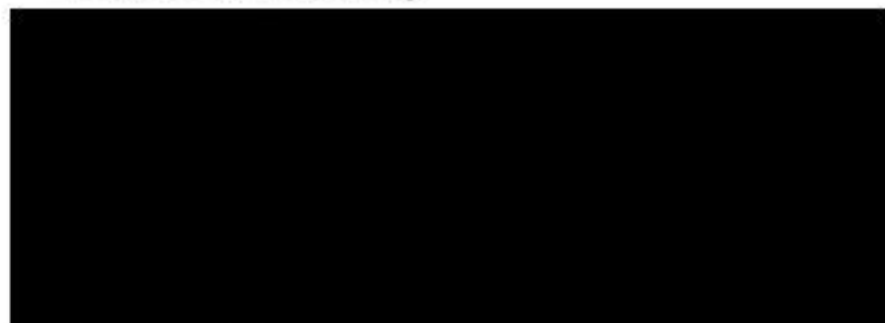
- Final cultivation of topsoil prior to seeding and planting (March – April 2018 & Oct – Nov 2018)
- Erection of deer exclusion fencing around woodland blocks (Provisional)
- Deer management (Nov 2017 – May 2019)
- Grassland seeding (March – May 2018)
- Woodland planting (March – April 2018 & Oct – Dec 2018)

Whilst we expect all works to be complete during the early winter of 2018, the requested timescales allow for some flexibility to take account of any further unforeseen circumstances.

Please therefore accept this letter as formal request to vary the current application to vary Condition 1 to allow final landscaping and planting to continue until 31st May 2019.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely



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