

Edward

thank you for the update below and the explanation as it is useful to us.

Staplefield ICW: Yes I agree to an EOT to the 31st of July, 2024.

On the side, 4 residents met with our directors' team yesterday.

We need to answer on the points below by Monday 20-May:

- the entrance on the Eastern side cannot be avoided since this is part of our purchasing agreement with the land owner. To avoid an additional entrance to the wetland side for maintenance and sampling vehicles, we will use that entrance too. Nevertheless the size of the car park has been reduced and the fencing location makes it more private. The road within the ICW has to be of a minimum width to allow for a van and opening the doors. The surface is not tarmac or concrete but is a permeable material (MOT type 3, similar to what one might have on their home drive). The grey colour on the drawing has probably confused people and we shall learn from this.
- question on our BNG calculation: some residents are surprised that the wetland is going to increase the biodiversity (currently, it is an arable land). I can give the list of reports/surveys and the methods followed are standard, so all according to the rules and no shortcut.
- some residents believe that we used an unacceptable rate of inflation for the Iron based chemical in the future. Our standard selection process calculates a Wholelife Cost based on inflation. This is also the case for the chemical and it is around 3-3.5% (I will get the exact figure). If anything, we have underestimated that cost for the chemical (consequently this would make the ICW more favourable).
- we have proposed a visit to another wetland site (outside Southern Water).

I will also be off next week but will make sure that the communication is continuing. I am including (cc) my manager and our SW principal planner to secure the way of communication.

With thanks

Regards

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