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Dear Sir or Madam,

Re: DM/24/0352 - Installation of Integrated Constructed Wetland (ICW) and associated infrastructure at land adjacent to Staplefield Wastewater Treatment Works.

I am writing on behalf of the Sussex Ornithological Society (SOS) to comment on the above planning application.

The SOS is the county bird society, our aims being to record and study wild birds in the county, to assist in the conservation of birds and to engage, inspire and educate people to enjoy, appreciate and understand birds and their habitats.

We believe that any proposals to create new areas of wetland are to be welcomed, and the scheme proposed in this application looks like a great opportunity to enhance local biodiversity and better protect the River Ouse. We would like to take this opportunity to offer Mid Sussex District Council or Southern Water our assistance with the implementation by offering suggestions that might maximise potential benefits for birds consistent with the primary objective of cleaning wastewater.

Should the authorities wish to pursue this offer please feel free to contact Mark Mallalieu CBE, who is a local ornithologist and chair of the SOS Scientific Committee. Mark's e-mail address is mallalieu@gmail.com.

Yours sincerely

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On behalf of SOS Conservation Team