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Subject Ecology: County Highways Planning Consultation - WSCC/052/12/WC - Horsham District Council

There is no ecological objection to the proposed works as described subject to the appropriate imposition of conditions.

In general there is also no ecological objection to the proposed changes as they affect the timing of the work. With the newly proposed spring start to development there is however, a theoretical impact on protected Great Crested Newts arising from a pond 130m away. Despite their proximity there should be no impact on GCNs so long as the conditions on-site do not change significantly. The application site, in its current state is not particularly suitable to these amphibians therefore the site must continue to remain unsuitable prior to works commencing.

Recommended conditions, in line with the recommendations made in the ecological report November 2012 & addendum ES:

Great crested newts

Prior to the commencement of development the site must remain grazed to its current sward height (~50mm) or is cut to this level to prevent this land becoming more suitable for great crested newts and avoiding the risk of harm during construction, operation and decommissioning phases.

Reason: To avoid unacceptable adverse impacts on the natural in accordance National Planning Policy Framework paragraph 144

Impact on birds through the removal of hedgerow for access:

No removal of hedgerows or trees

shall be carried out on site between March to August inclusive in any year, unless otherwise approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. Where vegetation must be cleared during the bird breeding season a check for nesting birds by a suitably qualified ecologist will be required. Any vegetation containing occupied nests will be retained until the young have fledged. The location details of the compensatory nesting provision to be supplied to the Local Planning Authority for approval prior to their erection.

Reason: To avoid unacceptable adverse impacts on the natural in accordance National Planning Policy Framework paragraph 144

Protection of adjacent trees BS5837:2012

Prior to the commencement of development or any preparatory works all adjacent trees and woodland shall be protected in accordance with BS5837:2012. Site construction (installation of plant and infrastructure) and decommissioning extents will be clearly marked and protected using Heras-type fencing at the extents of the Root Protection Areas prior to commencement in order to reduce the risk of accidental damage to woodland edge vegetation

or compression of tree roots. Trees and woodland will be marked as no go areas for both workers and machinery in order to reduce disturbance. Areas used for materials and storage will be clearly defined within the Application Site and away from the woodland edge.
Reason: To avoid unacceptable adverse impacts on the natural in accordance National Planning Policy Framework paragraph 144

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Ian Gledhill will be consulting on:

Siting and development of temporary borehole, well site compound and access road including all ancillary infrastructure and equipment, on land at Wood Barn Farm, for exploration, testing and evaluation of hydrocarbons in the willow prospect. At Wood Barn Farm, Adversane Lane, Broadford Bridge, Billingshurst, West Sussex

Grid References: 509017 / 121725

You have (been) requested to provide advice relevant to your expertise which would be required by 08/10/2012

CP Officer's Name: Chris Bartlett

There was no previous history found relevant to this site.

Many thanks & Regards,

KatieP Save the environment - think before you print.