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**Our ref:** HA/2020/122700/02-L01  
**Your ref:** WSCC/052/20  
**Date:** 26 May 2021

Dear Sir/Madam

**FURTHER INFORMATION AND AMENDMENTS - THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 1.3KM SINGLE CARRIAGEWAY WITH A 3M WIDE SHARED CYCLEWAY/FOOTWAY, 2.5M WIDE CENTRAL ISLAND, ONE UNCONTROLLED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING WITH A CENTRAL ISLAND TO ENABLE USERS OF THE PROW TO CROSS THE CARRIAGEWAY, THREE ROUNDABOUTS, PROVISION OF HARD AND SOFT LANDSCAPING, ROAD MARKINGS, TRAFFIC SIGNALS, BUS STOPS, AND SIGNALISED PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS, CONSTRUCTION OF A SUBSTATION BUILDING; INSTALLATION OF A NOISE BARRIER, AND ASSOCIATED WORKS LAND TO THE NORTH OF EASTERGATE AND NORTH-WEST OF BARNHAM, PO22 0DF**

Thank you for consulting the Environment Agency on the above application.

We have reviewed the information as submitted and set out our position below.

### **Environment Agency Position**

We maintain our position from the previous response on the 19 November 2020, and previous conditions still stand.

### **Flood Risk Activity Permit**

A flood risk activity permit will be required from the Environment Agency for any work within 8 meters of Barnham Rife Main River. As noted within the Flood Risk Assessment (FRA) the Environment Agency have been in dialogue with Jacksons Civil with regards permit requirements.

Any works in under or over the Barnham Lane watercourse , a classified 'main river ' under our jurisdiction, or within 8 metres from the watercourse bank edges, a Flood Risk Activity Permit (FRAP) will need to be formally applied for. This will be applicable where the Attenuation Pond 3 is to discharge into the said watercourse.

We would reiterate as per this dialogue, immediately south of this point, the proposed

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bund is to be located over a line where there may be an existing land drain/watercourse. If this established via further investigation a consent may be required from the Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA).

### **Biodiversity**

The majority of further information regarding protected species is in relation to those species not directly within the Environment Agency remit, eg Bats and Badgers. Therefore we defer to the relevant authority. We note that a planning condition is proposed that requires the production of both a CEMP and Ecology Management Plan, to be submitted for review and comment by the competent authority, we support this. Works completed under these plans should be overseen by a suitably qualified ecologist. There should also be a condition requiring a long term habitat plan to be agreed and in place to ensure long term security of biodiversity.

We are pleased to see that an attempt has been made to provide Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) within the proposal including the additional hedgerow planting. This does however still represent a small increase in linear habitat with numbers of hedgerow and trees still being lost, and it is important that all efforts are made to ensure continuation of wildlife corridors throughout the road scheme and proposed future housing development.

It appears that attenuation ponds are included within the calculated BNG. The attenuation ponds include concrete bag work on headwalls, we would suggest using an alternative like Terra-lock, or similar.

Please do not hesitate to contact me using the contact details shown below should you have any queries regarding the above information.

Yours faithfully

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