

WSCC COUNTY ARBORICULTURIST response to planning consultation

Application reference number: WSCC/046/23

Location: Wood barn Farm, Adversane Lane, Broadford Bridge, Billingshurst, West Sussex

Proposal: The siting and development of a temporary borehole, well site compound and access road including all ancillary infrastructure and equipment (variation of condition 1 of planning permission WSCC/002/22 extending the permission by 24 months to enable the completion of phase 4 site retention and restoration)

District: Horsham

Date: 09/01/2024

Summary response: No objection.

Response:

This application proposes a variation to condition 1 of planning permission WSCC/002/22, extending the life of this consent by 24 months. No additional impact upon existing arboricultural receptors within or surrounding the site have been identified.

However, the extension of the planning consent will further delay the restoration of the site which includes the planting of a heavy standard tree (as identified within the Tree Protection Methodology ref. KOGL-BB-DOC-XX-02) and hedgerow infill planting (as identified within the Landscape Proposals ref. KOGL-BB-DOC-XX-05). As landscaping proposals were conditioned as measures to mitigate environmental effects identified within assessments of the originating planning consent (ref. WSCC/052/12/WC); permitting the extension for this planning permission will further delay the time in which beneficial impacts will be provided within the site from such measures.

Adequate protection measures are provided for existing arboricultural features during the restoration phase as outlined in the Tree Protection Methodology (ref. KOGL-BB-DOC-XX-02), Tree Protection Plans (ref. KOGL-BB-DOC-XX-01) and Access Works Methodology (ref. KOGL-BB-DOC-XX-03).

In conclusion of the above, **no objection** to this application subject to the consideration of recommendations stated below.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that the following are recognised as approved plans and/or documents within the decision notice:

Tree Protection Methodology (ref. KOGL-BB-DOC-XX-02)

Tree Protection Plans (ref. KOGL-BB-DOC-XX-01)

Landscape Proposals (ref. KOGL-BB-DOC-XX-05)

Access Works Methodology (ref. KOGL-BB-DOC-XX-03)

In order to establish certain landscaping mitigation measures without further delay, it also recommended that consideration is made to the possibility of obtaining elements of the landscaping proposals (hedgerow infill planting) prior to the cease of this temporary development. This would not appear to impact the operational use of the temporary development, nor any of the required restoration activities.

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