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Subject: RE: Celtique drilling site - Kirdford

Dear Petra,

There will be no significant adverse impacts on the ecological environment at Wisborough Green as a result of our Proposed Development and therefore no ecological mitigation is required. We are proposing ecological enhancements as a responsible developer by offering 15 bat boxes or a financial contribution to further studies. SWT are not a statutory consultee nor are they a non-statutory consultee according to DCLG guidance and there is no formal requirement for Celtique to consult the SWT prior to submission of the application, although we have done so.

We undertook a number of measures to consult and raise awareness of our proposals with the local community and landowners including adverts in the local paper, invites to our exhibitions and details were made available on our website. I include a link below to our Wisborough Green page which you may find helpful and this includes copies of all the plans and data that was made available to others; <http://www.celtiqueenergie.com/celtique.php?p=60>

With regards to other pre-application consultation I can confirm that in respect of ecology, we have consulted with the following organisations;

- Natural England – M. Ashdown (12/06/13)
- WSCC – D. Baker (13/03/13; 14/03/13; 10/04/13; 24/06/13)
- West Weald Landscape Project Officer – P. Billings (05, 08, 09, 10/07/13; 06, 07, 17, 19/07/13)
- Sussex Biological Records Centre – P. Green and H. Hodson (15/04/13; 13/06/13; 09/07/13)
- SWT – M. Monk-Terry and G. Lyons (15/04/13; 09/05/13)
- Sussex Bat Group – S. Wright (15/04/13)
- Sussex Ornithological Society – A. Webster (15/04/13)
- Natural England East and West Sussex Teams – M. Ashdown (15/04/13; 15/05/13).

From these consultations we have gathered a substantial amount of information on the existing ecological baseline conditions around the Application Site and combined with our own bat studies have put together a thorough assessment which will be submitted with the application. We hope that the results of these new surveys will be of benefit and interest to local bat and wildlife groups. I understand that WSCC may consult with SWT during determination of the planning application but there is no procedural requirement for Celtique to consult with the SWT any further at this point. However, we are happy to continue liaising with the SWT and any of the other consultees during determination of the application which was submitted yesterday.

I hope you find the above of use but please do not hesitate to contact us with any further queries.

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Subject: RE: Celtique drilling site - Kirdford

Dear Jenny,

Thank you for copying me into this email. Whilst we would not have expected WSCC to consult neighbouring landowners prior to a planning application being submitted, we were surprised to see that Celtique Energie stated "that further consultations will be undertaken with Sussex Wildlife Trust" in their application for a scoping opinion to WSCC. I would therefore like to clarify a few points as there appears to be some confusion:

1. SWT was not consulted by Celtique Energie.
2. SWT had no contact with your ecological consultant until she emailed me on 5th July in response to an article in the local press. She may have been referring to the Sussex Biodiversity Records Centre, who may have been contacted in April. However this is a separate organisation from SWT with a strict code of confidentiality and at no stage have they divulged information to us regarding any communication from Celtique or Celtique's consultants.
3. I am the West Weald Landscape Project Officer and I have only had contact with your ecological consultant, as detailed above. As your email trail shows, the ecologist was clear that she was suggesting enhancements, not mitigation.
4. Please could you clarify who you mean by The Mens and Ebernoe Management Team? These reserves are owned and managed by SWT, specifically by Mark Monk-Terry, our reserves officer for that area, who has not heard from you. We note that you stated an intention to consult this 'team' in your application for a scoping opinion to WSCC dated 4th April 2013.
5. Could you also tell us who you consulted with at the Sussex Biodiversity Partnership as this was subsumed into the Sussex Local Nature Partnership over a year ago.
6. As you can see from your email trail, we have requested details of your proposals on more than one occasion from your consultant and whilst we appreciate that these will not have been finalised yet, we did not receive a response.
7. At no stage have your consultants requested permission to survey in Northup Copse and I can only assume that this has not been done. However on your publicity boards from your public consultation, you state that "dormouse tubes have been placed in the woodland and hedgerows that surround the site which could be suitable habitats for these animals". Could you please clarify whether these were placed on our land?

We understand that you are intending to apply for planning permission for an exploratory conventional oil rig. Until we see your proposals, we will not be able to fully assess what the likely impact will be on the wildlife of Northup Copse or the quiet recreational value of the site to the community.

Regards,

Petra Billings

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From: Jenny Massingham
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Sent: 20 August 2013 15:43
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Cc: Jane.Moseley@westsussex.gov.uk; Billings, Petra; Irene Marshall; Louise Davis
Subject: RE: Celtique drilling site - Kirdford

Dear Josef,

I thought it would be helpful to provide an update of our consultations so far to address the concerns raised.

With regards to bats, we have had detailed conversations with the statutory consultees (WSCC and Natural England) and taken their views on board. We have actioned the measures we agreed with WSCC to design out any impacts on the SWT site including moving the Application Site 15m from the woodland edge to mitigate impacts - this is the same design shown on the plans at the public exhibition earlier this year.

We have also consulted with The Mens and Ebernoe Management Team, Sussex Biological Records Centre, Sussex Bat Group, the Sussex Ornithological Society and the Sussex Biodiversity Partnership as well as the West Weald Landscape Project. Our proposals are for a very small, temporary scheme in an arable field which does not involve fracking but the level of consultation in respect of wildlife and the project as a whole has been very thorough. We have had consultation with WSCC, CDC, statutory and non-statutory consultees, Councillors and local residents through the Scoping Report, face to face meetings, public exhibitions, presentations, press articles, our website, emails and a dedicated telephone line.

Our ecologists advise me that they originally contacted SWT on 26th April, who very kindly sent our ecologists a CD containing various reports on the foraging behaviour of bats associated with the SACs. Our ecologists have reviewed this data and incorporated it into their reports. SWT did not make any other comments on the scheme or request

further information. We cannot pass on our ecology data just yet as we are still collating it but this will all be presented in the planning application which is due to be submitted in the next week or two.

We found out from a series of blogs and articles that Petra was concerned about the proposals, and our ecologists (who are best placed to discuss this topic) have taken steps to engage with SWT and to explain the scheme and to discuss enhancement measures. Our ecologists have been liaising with SWT since early July (email chains attached) and their initial email seemed quite positive about the work we were undertaking. We have been liaising with SWT on mitigation measures and are happy to continue liaising with parties throughout the planning process.

We have undertaken a thorough and meaningful process of pre-application consultation, all of which will be documented in the application.

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Subject: RE: Celtique drilling site - Kirdford

Mr Ransley

Thank you for your email.

I would clarify firstly that we have not yet received a planning application.

The Parish Council was consulted on the EIA Scoping Request which considers what issues should be addressed in the Environmental Impact Assessment. Upon receipt of an EIA Scoping Request we only consult with the relevant statutory consultees (the Environment Agency, District Council etc.) and the Parish Council. We do not consult with neighbouring landowners, or organisations such as Wildlife Trusts (presuming this is what you are referring to with 'SWT').

I am happy to consult with SWT when (and if) the application comes in – and we would be required to do so if they own adjoining land.

Regards
Jane.

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Cc: Irene Marshall; Louise Davis
Subject: Celtique drilling site - Kirdford

Hi Jane,

I met Petra Billings from SWT this morning and was disappointed to learn that they were not originally consulted on the pending application given their ownership of the adjoining site, Northup Copse or that the level of meaningful consultation, now that SWT have become involved, is not all that it should be if the parties are to fulfil due process.

SWT will be a meaningful party to advising on ecological issues including mitigation requirements and whereas, I understand, the applicant is proposing some changes to the site layout details of such change or indeed the original plans the Parish Council's where consulted upon, have yet to be provided to SWT. Further it appears that Celtique's ecological survey material has also not been provided. It seems to me that unless such detail is provided to SWT in a timely manner it will be difficult for Celtique to substantiate a case for having carried out a meaningful pre-consultation prior to submission of the application.

I have copied Jenny in the hope that she will be able to assist in resolving this issue.

Regards

Josef Ransley

CDC District & Kirdford Parish Cllr.

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