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RE: Planning application 126431/FO/2020 South of Sports City Way

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David Dutton [REDACTED]

23 April 2020 at 15:36

To: Jennifer Atkinson [REDACTED]

Hi Jennifer

Hope you are well

Thanks for pointing out the location of the report. I had been unable to open this document at home. I was more patient and did some other work whilst downloading.

The only additional information beyond what I had found elsewhere is the forward from Burohappold, which notes the meeting where we agreed the plans that have been provided as well as noting that bat and bird boxes will be provided.

These are not shown on any plans as yet and I have not specifically recommended that any should be provided in my previous comment.

I therefore recommend that either this information is provided prior to determination or given the very low value of the site for nesting birds and roosting bats the detail provided via condition.

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From: Jennifer Atkinson [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: 21 April 2020 11:51
To: David Dutton
Subject: Re: Planning application 126431/FO/2020 South of Sports City Way

Many thanks David

There is a report by Penny Anderson within the Sustainability Statement. Sorry to be a pain but please could you review and confirm that you are happy with the contents. This is a sensitive application and I want to ensure that the consultees have seen the relevant documents before commenting

Thanks

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On Tue, 21 Apr 2020 at 11:42, David Dutton [REDACTED] wrote:

Hi Jennifer

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Summary.

I was unable to locate the ecological report on the website. I had however accepted the ecological report provided as part of the scoping opinion previously which is still valid. The main ecological issue is the proximity to the Ashton Canal SBI. Other ecological issues include nesting birds, invasive species and net gain.

Protected Species

No evidence of any protected species was found. The only historic record for any such species is for little ringed plover. This species is ground nesting and opportunist with regards to nesting sites, liking previously cleared industrial sites. This site has now colonised with vegetation, so is likely no longer attractive to this species, the most recent record being 2012. Any risk can be covered by a standard bird nesting condition.

The only other species that could be indirectly impacted is floating water-plantain in the Ashton Canal. The canal will however be protected during construction and the GMEU accepts that this species now appears to be extinct in the Ashton Canal. No specific measures are therefore required.

Proximity to Ashton Canal SBI

There will be a risk of indirect impacts during and post development primarily from drainage and potentially from external lighting. The risks are acknowledged by the developer, with protection of the canal proposed as part of a construction and environmental management plan. I have no reason to doubt this proposals. ***The details can be conditioned.***

A lighting design strategy has also been provided that demonstrates no negative impacts on the Ashton Canal from the proposed lighting ***I therefore have no objection to this strategy being conditioned.***

The drainage strategy confirms that surface water and foul water will be discharged to existing sewer, with no discharge to the canal. I therefore require no further information or measures relating to drainage post development.

Nesting Birds

No current evidence of nesting was found. Potential nesting habitat is however present. All British birds nests and eggs (with certain limited exceptions) are protected by Section 1 of the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981, as amended. I recommend a condition along the following lines be applied to any permission.

No works to trees or shrubs shall occur or site clearance commence between the 1st March and 31st August in any year unless a detailed bird nest survey by a suitably experienced ecologist has been carried

out immediately prior to clearance and written confirmation provided that no active bird nests are present which has been agreed in writing by the LPA.

Invasive Species

None were recorded as present with a *Cotoneaster* spp recorded just off site. I recommend an informative along the following lines is applied to any permission.

It is an offence under the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981, as amended to introduce, plant or cause to grow wild any plant listed in Schedule 9 part 2 of the Act. Species such as Japanese knotweed, Himalayan balsam and various Cotoneaster species are included within this schedule. If any such species will be disturbed as a result of this development a suitably experienced consultant should be employed to advise on how to avoid an offence.

Contributing to and Enhancing the Natural Environment

Section 170 of the NPPF 2018 states that the planning system should contribute to and enhance the natural and local environment. The soft landscape proposal indicate significant native tree and shrub planting along all boundaries with wildflower grassland along the boundary with the Canal. I am satisfied that this is proportionate to the ecological impact. ***The landscape proposals can be conditioned***

David Dutton

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