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Subject: RE: Ecology Comments – F/23/96629 Land at Fieldfare Road, adjacent to the roundabout with Winchester Road.
Date: 15 March 2024 at 12:31:34 GMT
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RE: F/23/96629 – Land at Fieldfare Road

Hello Lisa,

I am the ecologist working on behalf on our client Halebourne Group for the planning application F/23/96629 Land at Fieldfare Road. My Senior, Lyndsey Barratt, is also CC'd into this email.

I am writing in regard to ecology consultee comments from Eastleigh Borough Council dated 23rd January 2024. Full details are provided within the updated PEA and rebuttal which are to be submitted, however I feel it would be beneficial to provide some context as to why aspects of the report and BNG have changed.

Following the PEA for this application (September 2023) the habitat on site was misidentified as other neutral grassland based on the higher species diversity that was recorded. Upon reflection, the species recorded on site can be attributed to the disturbance created by construction activities (associated with planning ref: RM/18/84466) rather than the intrinsic value of the grassland. Where the site was previously used as cattle pasture, the grassland has therefore been re-classified as modified grassland.

Within the PEA report (Ecosupport, 2023) the parcel was considered to support potential for reptiles and therefore a reptile capture was recommended as passive dispersal was not suitable due to isolation of the site. It was considered that within the RM application (RM/18/84466) the site supported negligible potential for reptiles due to use as cattle pasture. The site has since been isolated with reptile exclusion fencing as part of the reptile translocation for this application, therefore preventing reptiles occupying the site since 2019 and negating the requirement for a reptile translocation.

We sincerely apologise for any confusion. Please do not hesitate to contact me for any additional information.

Best regards,

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