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Dear Sir/Madam,

Application No: CS/24/98385
Description: HCC Consultation: Application to partially discharge planning conditions 3, 10, 15 & 16 of Planning Permission applications CS/21/91199 and 21/02012/HCS relating to Advanced Works on the Botley Bypass Permission.
Site: Botley Bypass, Woodhouse Lane, Botley, SO30 3DG

Thank you for consulting Eastleigh Borough Council regarding the proposed final details for the Botley bypass scheme. The formal responses received to date are set out below. Should any further responses be received, I will pass these on.

Condition 3 – CEMP:

In principle there is no objection to the submitted Phase 3 CEMP REV 3. However, formal comments from the Council's Ecologist are still awaited.

Condition 10 – Reptile, badger and otter mitigation strategy:

In principle there is no objection to the submitted Phase 3 Ecological Appraisal. However, formal comments from the Council's Ecologist are still awaited.

Condition 15 – Tree protection:

No objection.

Condition 16 – Landscape Management Plan:

The Council's Landscape Consultant has reviewed the submitted details and has made the following comments.

a/ Overall, the number of new trees is too low and should be significantly increased, particularly bearing in mind the climate change and environmental emergency declared by Eastleigh Borough Council in 2019. Since there will be significant emissions by future traffic using the by-pass, deliverable tree planting can help balance negative impacts that will occur. Additional tree planting is required to

balance losses (according to the supporting statement losses include: 90 individual trees, 2 entire groups and 1 part of a group. A further 21 individual trees will be coppiced).

b/ Tree planting is arranged in a rather haphazard manner, with the majority set apart (typically 5-10m spacings). In selected locations, some tighter groups of trees should be introduced to replace the groups of trees felled to enable construction of the by-pass. These groupings could mature to create a number of attractive copses.

c/ There are a number of balancing ponds, most of which have geometric designs. Some native scrub planting should be added to soften the engineered slopes of these basins.

d/ Most southerly end of the by-pass - the number of new trees in this sector is far too low and should be significantly increased. The planting at the centre of the roundabout will not create a focal point and requires a re-think to create a genuine feature. This may be a simple feature such as a purple Beech or similar at the centre, with an area of wildflower grass below, with a mown grass strip around the edge of the roundabout.

There are extensive areas of verge grassland in this area, so to reduce maintenance and increase biodiversity at least some should be replaced with long mown species rich wildflower grass.

e/ Significant areas of planting occur on steep slopes, so detailed design should carefully consider methods of reducing surface runoff (potentially leading to soil erosion). This may include the use of biodegradable blankets or mulch mats.

Additional Comments:

Whilst not relevant to this vegetation clearance stage, Eastleigh Ramblers Association have again highlighted the need to ensure the existing drainage problems where the public right of way crosses under the railway line are taken into consideration as part of the bypass scheme.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "N Parker".

Nicholas Parker
Planning Manager