AWDM/0756/18 - Condition 3 - Reptile Translocation

Dear Peter,

I am the ecologist appointed by Andrew Maxwell the applicant for the planning permission AWDM/0756/18 - Land East of 24 to 30 Manor Close, Gardener Street, Portslade, Brighton & Hove.

I am writing to you with regards to condition 03 and the proposed reptile translocation. I have been working to secure an offsite receptor site which would be suitable to receive the reptiles on site (slow worms). I have been in dialogue with Philippa Reece, The Parks and Open Spaces Manager at Adur and Worthing Councils. Philippa has agreed for us to use Mill Hill Local Nature Reserve as suitable reptile receptor site for the project. In return my client has agree to provide enhancements for reptiles within the reserve in the form of the construction of new hibernation habitat (4x log piles and 2x brick built hibernacular). The receptor site already has good habitat for reptiles in the form of a tussocky grassland and scrub mosaic. It is anticipated that a relatively low number of slow worm are to be moved into the nature reserve, it is therefore considered that the enhancements will increase the carrying capacity of the site for the translocated reptiles. Mill Hill LNR is approximately 4.3km north west of the development site.

The first part of the condition states that "Prior to the commencement of works on-site a suitable receptor site for slow worms shall be secured and prepared. Evidence of the existence and state of readiness shall be provided to the LPA and in accordance with the recommendations arising out of the Reptile Survey 2018."

I have included photos of the receptor site and a letter of agreement between my client and Philippa Reece. As my client will fund the improvements on site, I would like to agree the use of the site in principal with yourself and anyone else that may review and discharge the condition prior to implementing the enhancements. We can then provide evidence of the readiness of the site once these are installed and satisfy the rest of the condition once the translocation has been completed.

Kind regards,

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