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Fwd: Friends of Shoreham Fort WWI Memorial Training Trench Project - AWDM/0567/19 - Land North of Shoreham Fort

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Dear All

Thanks you for the constructive meeting on site last week.

I have looked at the amended Construction Method and acknowledge the changes made to take into consideration the Local Wildlife Site (LWS) and the vegetated shingle habitat the site is designated for.

We are supportive of the amendments to 4a, 4b and 6a, which now acknowledge the Local Wildlife Site and the need to ensure construction methodologies recognise the importance of avoiding compaction to areas of vegetated shingle habitat.

During our onsite meeting I was pleased to have the discussion to ensure that the use of top soil and grass seed on the banks of the trench will be avoided.

We are pleased that the construction methodology now includes a section on net gain for biodiversity, to ensure that the application recognises the requirements of section 170 of the NPPF (2019).

I would perhaps suggest the following amendments to section 7:

Potential Net Gain

- *Enhanced habitat for invertebrates in trench walls*
- *Enhanced habitat for ~~native vegetation~~* ***Vegetated Shingle species*** *in trench landscaping*
- *Reduction of non-native/invasive vegetation in trench area*
- *Shoreham Port Authority will endeavour to manage the* ***LWS*** *~~beach area~~ to ensure no further compaction of the shingle and that no non-native/invasive plants are introduced.*

The Sussex Wildlife Trust does not support the development of Local Wildlife Sites but we do recognise the complexities of this application given the dual designation on the site. We hope that the recommendations/amendments made can ensure the aspirations of the heritage designation and the clear need to protect the LWS are achieved if the application is approved.

One last point we would like to highlight is that the Councils own Parks Manager raised concerns about the lack of environmental information with the application. We therefore assume that they have been consulted on the amended information and their comments have been taken on board.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any further questions.

Kind Regards

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