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Subject: RE: Miner's Road RPP Facility

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To: Jan Wilkinson <jan@wilkinsonassociates.co.uk>
Cc: Mark Griffiths <Mark.Griffiths@thesiriusgroup.com>
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Hi Jan

Thank you very much for your email dated 5 April 2018. I apologise for any delay in replying to you.

As you will be aware, potential impacts associated with this proposal on the great crested newt are as follows:

- (i) Habitat severance and consequently reduced functionality in terms of connectivity;
- (ii) Loss of habitat that could function for sheltering or resting purposes;
- (iii) Loss of habitat that could be used for foraging

In our view, your ecological submission appropriately considers these issues.

Given the condition of the habitat and nature of the proposals, we therefore wish to confirm that we accept the principles and your approach to the consideration of great crested newt (GCN) at this site.

Material to any submission will be the need to ensure the long term functionality of habitats required for GCN migration and dispersal purposes. Consequently targeted long term management prescriptions will be required together with proposed methods of reporting to demonstrate appropriate implementation of management actions.

I also advise that the proposal is subject to the provisions of a biosecurity risk assessment. This assessment will need to consider both the presence of any Invasive Non-Native Species (INNS) onsite together and the prevention of any INNS being accidentally (or misguidedly) being introduced to the site (as part of landscaping schemes).

Given its location, I advise that construction of the project is subject to the provisions of a derogation licence issued by NRW

Yours sincerely

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Hi Matt,

Following our recent site meeting, discussions have been held between myself, the developer and the landowner regarding the possible mitigation areas and the potential phasing of development.

During our site meeting a potential second phase of development was discussed; since then it has been agreed between the landowner and the developer that this potential extension area should now be included within the site compound as part of phase 1 of the development, in order to clearly define the area proposed for development and agree all ecology mitigation in the first stage.

With this in mind, please find attached a plan and explanatory text showing the proposed layout and an outline strategy for GCN mitigation. The proposals include the identification and long term management of a GCN compensation area in the form of peripheral zones around the western and southern boundaries, designed to maintain connectivity between the northern and southern off-site GCN populations. In addition, it is proposed to retain the large rubble pile in the south-west of the Site outside the boundary fence and to leave this undisturbed. A licensed mitigation scheme will also be implemented to capture and translocate any GCN present within the working area.

The proposed layout of the RPP Facility focusses development activities on the parts of the Site with the lowest level of ecological value (i.e. the existing hardstanding and vehicle/container storage areas) and allows for the retention of the largest and most long-established rubble pile as well as the areas of peripheral scrub and longer established vegetation. This design minimises the potential impacts on GCN and we therefore believe that the level of mitigation and management proposed is appropriate and proportionate.

Please note that Sirius wishes to agree mitigation with NRW first, before submitting revised layout plans to the LPA; albeit layout revisions only relate to the compound/mitigation fencing. We therefore look forward to confirmation that this approach is acceptable to NRW before we submit revised layout plans to the LPA.

Kind regards,

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