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Dear sirs

We write ahead of the hearings of the 4th, 5th and 6th of December to clarify a few points coming out of the Applicant's response to the Local Authority's Local Impact Report.

1. Whilst the response highlights the differences, particularly in terms of landscape mitigation, we believe that the LIR and the Applicant's response is a fair reflection of the two parties positions on that topic.
2. In response to the paper titled 'appropriateness of proposed mitigation' the Authorities procured the services of Martin Woolley, Landscape Architect. The brief has been to explore the possibilities of appropriate off-site mitigation as the Authorities no longer had sufficient capacity to do so and as you can see the parties differ on this matter. The Applicant agreed that the cost of Martin Woolley's services would be met through the pre-existing PPA. The Authorities will meet Martin Woolley on Monday 3rd December to discuss a report of his findings at which point we will share those with the ExA and with officers at Drax. This will not leave much time before the hearings for Drax, the Authorities or of course the ExA to consider the paper.

The parties have worked well together throughout the pre-application process and up to now despite the difference of opinion on this matter. The work of Martin Woolley is intended to continue the conversation and to be able to find a common ground. We will be in touch further on this point when we have his report to share.

3. The Authorities would like to clarify the point that we have received all outstanding surveys and had done so by the time the LIR was submitted. Where it states we were waiting for the Bat, Reptile and Breeding Bird survey is erroneous. This was left unaltered from an earlier draft of the document. We have confirmed with the applicant that all surveys have been received.
4. At point 2.9.6 and 2.9.7 of the Applicants response, the Authorities are happy to defer Natural England as the authority on that matter.
5. We have also referred to a licence for the temporary footbridge having been shared with the applicant. This is incorrect. This has been shared today (30th November).
6. At point 2.11.4 of the Applicants response we can confirm that the Highways Authority has previously agreed the final content of the two documents the Construction Workers Travel Plan and the Construction Traffic Management Plan. We are aware that slight amendments have been made to these documents since they were agreed by the Authority and these revisions are being considered now. We expect to be able to confirm our agreement to the changes by the time of the hearing on 5th December.

We hope this is helpful to the ExA ahead of next week's hearings.

Yours faithfully

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