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Sent: Tuesday, December 11, 2012 2:25 PM
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Subject: 121211 TR010006 Letter to Kent Wildlife Trust

Good afternoon Debbie,

This is to confirm the advice I gave you last Tuesday when you called our helpline about the above proposed project.

Also, I have now spoken to my colleagues in our Environmental Services team about whether you can participate in the statutory consultation on the Scoping Report.

PINS only considers comments from statutory consultees in developing its scoping opinion. As Kent Wildlife Trust (KWT) is not a statutory consultee PINS would not take into account any comments from KWT as part of the scoping process. For further information on PINS' approach to scoping consultation see Advice Note 3:

<http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2012/05/Advice-note-3v3.pdf>

As I explained, as this project is still at the pre-application stage, KWT can send its comments to the developer directly for consideration. I would encourage KWT to make any comments it may have to the developer, as the 2008 Planning Act regime is a front-loaded system which intends proposals to be shaped and potential issues to be addressed during the pre-application stage.

In our Advice Note 8:2, *Responding to the developer's pre-application consultation* (<http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2012/03/Advice-note-8.2.pdf>) it explains:

"Once an application has been formally submitted, the 2008 Act process lays down a strict timetable. It is not normally possible for substantial changes to be made to an application once it has been submitted. So, if you want to influence the project, you should take part in the developer's pre-application consultation process."

If this project is submitted and accepted for examination, you will then be able to register as an Interested Party and submit your comments to PINS at that stage.

Kind regards,

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