

From: [Nic Wall](#)
To: [Bennett, Sophie](#)
Cc: [Jo Wilkins](#); [Jo Manley](#); [Linda Hayden](#)
Subject: RE: A303 Sparkford to Ilchester Dualling - Non-material amendment Hazlegrove House RPG
Date: 23 April 2019 15:32:00

Dear Sophie

Thank you for the consultation on the proposed non-material amendment related to Pond 5 and for the helpful explanations from you and Chris this morning in our Skype call.

I have subsequently spoken to Jo Manley, Jo Wilkins and Linda Hayden of South Somerset District Council and have been asked to forward the following response on behalf of the Council.

**Proposed non-material amendment related to Pond 5, access track, fencing
& Hazlegrove School access**
Response on behalf of South Somerset District Council
23rd April 2019

The Council's response at this stage is as follows:

The Council maintains its objection to the location of Pond 5, the inclusion of a pond maintenance track in the RPG, and the segregation of the pond area from the remaining RPG with a new fence.

These three elements of both the existing and amended design are key factors in making the area of Pond 5 a substantial and distinct area of 'highway infrastructure' within the RPG.

The relocation of Pond 5 is resisted by Highways England on the grounds that there is no other suitable location "that is outside the RPG and inside the DCO boundary" (see HE Response to ExA Q2.1.2). The DCO boundary being the hindrance.

The alternative suggestion of utilising a farm track for maintenance access is resisted by Highways England on the grounds that it would require a change to the DCO boundary, upgrading, and a legal agreement with the landowner for a right of access.

The alternative suggestion of removing the fence around Pond 5 is resisted by Highways England on the grounds that having a grazing licence with a tenant would compromise the body's maintenance operations.

It's highly regrettable that opportunities to remove the harm from these three elements of Pond 5 are thwarted by the DCO application process and timeframes, and future management considerations, rather than by site or design constraints.

With regards to the driveway, the following changes in the amendment are

welcomed:

1. The additional planting to the west of the driveway, which will help frame a view of Hazlegrove House from the approach and help to create a sense of arrival through woodland.
2. Modest realignment of the driveway northwards away from the edge of established woodland and to avoid Veteran Tree No. 15.
3. A clearer entrance into the parkland at the cattle grid, track junction and parkland boundary fence, with detailed layout to follow.

The Council is content with the proposed amended Limit of Variation for the driveway.

With regards to the Pond 5 boundary fence, the Council maintains its objection to the segregation of the parkland but does recognise the improvement in the amendment from its realignment 20 to 25 metres to the west in order to diminish the area of lost parkland, and from the use of estate railing subject to the Design Details.

With regards to the access track, the Council maintains its support for utilising the local farm track but does recognise the improvement in the amendment from it being routed to the west of the pond rather than the east, and from its construction in a reinforced grass surface subject to the Design Details.

The sketch plan also includes additional semi-mature planting to the timber environmental screen in the south-east corner. All additional measures are welcomed but this is unlikely to provide an effective winter or low-level screen and will have no impact on the carriageway side of the barrier. The alternative suggestion of redesigning the drainage ditches to allow for an extension of Bund 7 is resisted by Highways England due to this being classed as a non-material change. Again, it's regrettable that the DCO application process and timeframes hinder a good and achievable outcome.

With regards
Nic

Nicholas Wall
Senior Conservation Officer

Direct line: 01823 347437
Email: Nic.Wall@swheritage.org.uk
www.swheritage.org.uk

Somerset Historic Environment Service
South West Heritage Trust, Somerset Heritage Centre,
Brunel Way, Norton Fitzwarren, Taunton, Somerset, TA2 6SF

From: Bennett, Sophie <Sophie.Bennett@mottmac.com>
Sent: 17 April 2019 10:41
To: Nic Wall <Nic.Wall@swheritage.org.uk>; McAllister, Jo
<Jo.McAllister@HistoricEngland.org.uk>
Cc: Barrett, Julia I <Julia.Barrrett@mottmac.com>; Setters, Chris M

<Chris.Setters@mottmac.com>; Murphy, Alexander N <alexander.murphy@mottmac.com>;
Timothy, Jenny S <Jenny.Timothy@mottmac.com>; Jo Manley
<Jo.Manley@SouthSomerset.Gov.Uk>; A303 Sparkford to Ilchester - Land Ref
<A303LRC@365site.mottmac.com>

Subject: RE: A303 Sparkford to Ilchester Dualling - Non-material amendment Hazlegrove House
RPG

Importance: High

Hi Nic and Jo,

I just wanted to follow up on Jenny's email she sent yesterday afternoon. We are hoping to submit our non-material change request on Tuesday, in relation to the design tweaks within Hazlegrove Registered Park and Garden which we have developed following our discussions over the last couple of weeks. We'd very much like to run these through with you before we submit, to explain the changes. I appreciate that Nic is currently on annual leave, but I believe is back on Tuesday. Apologies for the urgency, but I'd like to set up a call first thing on Tuesday morning to run through the changes – I'll pop a Skype meeting in our diaries very shortly.

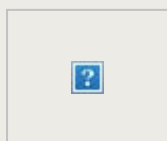
If you have any questions in the meantime, please do let me know. I hope you all have a lovely Easter break and hopefully speak with you all on Tuesday.

Kind regards

Sophie

Sophie Bennett
MSc BSc PIEMA
Environmental Coordinator

D +44 (0)23 8062 8822 T +44 (0)23 8062 8800 F +44 (0)23 8064 7251
sophie.bennett@mottmac.com



Mott MacDonald
Stoneham Place
Stoneham Lane
Southampton SO50 9NW
United Kingdom

[Website](#) | [Twitter](#) | [LinkedIn](#) | [Facebook](#) | [YouTube](#)

Mott MacDonald Limited. Registered in England and Wales no. 1243967. Registered office: Mott MacDonald House, 8-10 Sydenham Road, Croydon CR0 2EE, United Kingdom

The information contained in this e-mail is intended only for the person or entity to which it is addressed and may contain confidential and/or privileged material. If you are not the intended recipient of this e-mail, the use of this information or any disclosure, copying or distribution is prohibited and may be unlawful. If you received this in error, please contact the sender and delete the material from any computer.

From: Timothy, Jenny S

Sent: 16 April 2019 15:03

To: Nic Wall <Nic.Wall@swheritage.org.uk>; Jo Manley <Jo.Manley@SouthSomerset.Gov.Uk>;

McAllister, Jo <Jo.McAllister@HistoricEngland.org.uk>

Cc: Bennett, Sophie <Sophie.Bennett@mottmac.com>; Barrett, Julia I <Julia.Barrett@mottmac.com>; Setters, Chris M <Chris.Setters@mottmac.com>; Murphy, Alexander N <alexander.murphy@mottmac.com>

Subject: A303 Sparkford to Ilchester Dualling - Non-material amendment Hazlegrove House RPG

Importance: High

All,

Following my email yesterday (attached) would it be possible to arrange a call early next week (Tuesday 23rd and Wednesday 24th) to discuss and hopefully get some agreement on the non-material amendment as a way forward.

If you could let me know your availability for early next week it would be much appreciated.

As per yesterdays email if you are able to send a response that this is acceptable and addresses the design issues related to the pond, fencing location, access, and school access prior to the meeting that would be much appreciated.

Many thanks

Jenny

Jenny Timothy

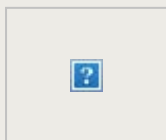
Heritage Team Leader

D +44 (0)1223 463975

T +44 (0)1223 463500

F +44 (0)1223 461007

jenny.timothy@mottmac.com



Mott MacDonald
22 Station Road
Cambridge CB1 2JD
United Kingdom

[Website](#) | [Twitter](#) | [LinkedIn](#) | [Facebook](#) | [YouTube](#)

Mott MacDonald Limited. Registered in England and Wales no. 1243967. Registered office: Mott MacDonald House, 8-10 Sydenham Road, Croydon CR0 2EE, United Kingdom

The information contained in this e-mail is intended only for the person or entity to which it is addressed and may contain confidential and/or privileged material. If you are not the intended recipient of this e-mail, the use of this information or any disclosure, copying or distribution is prohibited and may be unlawful. If you received this in error, please contact the sender and delete the material from any computer.



South West Heritage Trust is supported by Somerset and Devon County Councils

South West Heritage is a charity and a company limited by guarantee registered in England. Registered office: Somerset Heritage Centre, Brunel Way, Norton Fitzwarren, Taunton, Somerset TA2 6SF. Company number: 09053532 Charity Number: 1158791 VAT Registration Number: 197221592

Disclaimer

This email communication along with any attachments is intended for the person(s) it is addressed to only. The communication is not legally binding, nor is it a contractual commitment on behalf of the South West Heritage Trust. We make every effort to keep our network free of malicious software and take no responsibility for any malware, virus or other damaging files transmitted via this communication.

