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By email only

Dear Sir or Madam

**Drewitts Farm, AMBERLEY – Part Discharge of Conditions
SDNPA/21/00432/FUL**

Please find attached a Part Discharge of Conditions application.

[REDACTED] my client is unable to proceed with the project in the short term, but recognises that the historic buildings on the site need repair if they are not to decline irreparably. As this involves demolition it would by that dint mean that the works commence on site, so we need to address as far as possible relevant conditions. The CIL notification has also been submitted.

The works will comprise re-roofing and repairs to the historic buildings and some localised demolitions. I have therefore set out below which pre-commencement conditions are being addressed:

3(c). Bat licences and mitigation - Part Discharge.

Natural England are unable to award a licence for simply the re-roofing however have confirmed that for the limited scope of works that subject to the works being carried out at the correct times and tool box talks provided to the contractor no licence is needed as per the attached email of 30th October 2023, where Option 3 referred to in email of 6th October from David King to Josie Brown at Natural England states:

3) They ask the builders to keep roof repairs to a necessary minimum, timed to avoid the season when the small number of bats are likely to be present,(not difficult because it is already October and the exposed, unlined roofs are not suitable for winter bat use). Work could still be supervised, etc., under an unlicensed method statement. The licence application would then be withdrawn and re-submitted when the more significant work commences. This may be the best option, as repairs/retiling only need to be sufficient to keep the buildings safe until further works start.

4. Drainage Strategy - Part Discharge.

As the new building will not be constructed nor the yard relevelled, the existing buildings when repaired will be reconnected into the existing storm water drain located in the south west corner of the yard that discharges into the ditch adjacent to the Croft Path.

5. Contamination Risk Assessment

No removal of the hardstanding is proposed nor excavation for the new building but the preliminary risk assessment has none the less been carried out and is submitted.

6. Construction Site Set Up - Part Discharge.

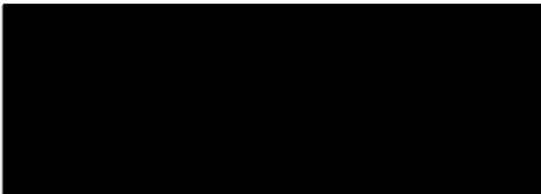
As the works will be carried out in small phases with a team of approximately 6 people, a mobile WC and separate mobile welfare cabin will be bought onto the existing hardstanding, materials will be stored in existing buildings. The huts will be relocated within the yard to facilitate working on the various structures.

As no excavation work or reducing of levels is proposed wheel washing facilities will not be needed.

As the concrete apron to the yard will not be removed nor are any extensive new masonry works proposed, a dust suppression system is not proposed but any localised breaking out will be well wetted prior to work to mitigate dust arising.

I hope that the above is acceptable and I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours faithfully



Malcolm Simmonds

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