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From: Susanne Hiscock
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To: Gillian McDermott
Subject: W/23/02112/OUT - Orchard Farm, Defford

Hi Gill,

As discussed, having reviewed the application documents and the comments submitted by Natural England (NE) and the Worcestershire Wildlife Trust (WWT) I would like to confirm that I entirely agree with and support the comments and concerns made by their representatives. Their views are very well structured and cover all the aspects I wanted to raise, so I will keep my comments very brief and won't go over the same issues again. Like the WWT and NE I had also expressed many of these concerns in relation to the SWDPR.

Both consultees raise the need for clarification and/or additional information on a number of issues, such as underpinning surveys like bat surveys and botanical surveys, and I would just like to re-iterate that it would be helpful to have those provided.

Natural England also raised the need for a Habitats Regulations Assessment to be undertaken, as the site is considered to be hydrologically linked to the Severn Estuary SAC. In order for us, the LPA, to be in a position to carry out an HRA, we will need the relevant information on the fish species associated with the SAC and how the development might impact on their habitats and /or on the water quality and flow of functionally linked watercourses.

Please let me know if you need for me to elaborate on any particular issues.

Kind regards,
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