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For the attention of R Allen
Development
Council

Dear Robert,

Mixed Development, Princes Parade, Hythe

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the additional information recently submitted in support of this planning application.

The responses to the Trust's concerns take the form, primarily, of an explanation and defence of the original ecological evidence and its evaluation. Our objection, however, calls upon the applicant to undertake a review of the scheme design, especially in the introduction of roads, buildings and external lighting in very close proximity to the Royal Military Canal Local Wildlife Site.

I feel that the designers need to adjust the scheme to better reflect ecological constraints; not to ask the ecologist to defend the scheme design. For these reasons I re-affirm the Trust's objection to the planning application in its current form.

On a point of detail ... It is agreed that the maritime grassland (and fixed dunes) is of 'ecological importance at the local level' but the suggestion that it is then only of 'low' importance fails to acknowledge the fact that supralittoral sediment is a Habitat of Principal Importance in the UK for the purposes of s41 of the NERC Act.

Yours sincerely,

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