

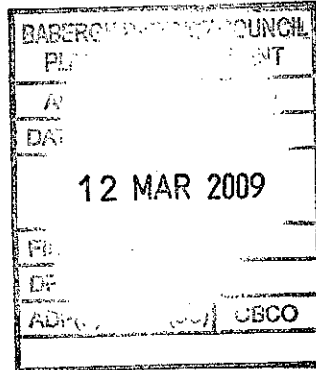


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Dear Mr Durrant

The Town and Country Planning Acts
Town & Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment)
(England & Wales) Regulations 1999
HMS Ganges, Reserved Matters Application, B/00/01318/RES
Format Changes to the Environmental Statement

I write following various discussions on the Environmental Statement for this application (EIA) enclosing the following:

- 1 Volumes 1 and 2 (reformatted)
- 2 Revised Ecology and Heritage Management Plan (Incorporating Recreational Monitoring Strategy agreed with Natural England)

I should briefly like to describe the provenance and content of both documents.

Environmental Statement Volumes 1 and 2

A Regulation 19 request was made on 10 July 2008 to obtain further environmental information which was deemed necessary by IEMA. We submitted a revised version of the EIA to you on 3 September 2008 and this was again referred to IEMA for a second review (re-review).

Your Council has previously indicated that Officers will be prepared to take forward an application with an Environmental Statement that met Grade C in the IEMA assessment scale. This commitment was made by letter dated 6 June 2008 after IEMA's first review. I have attached a copy for completeness.

IEMA's re-review was published in November 2008 and released to this company in December 2008. It concludes that one section, concerning scenario testing, was still graded at 'D' because of formatting and referencing issues.

In our subsequent discussions you helpfully agreed to clarify with IEMA

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that the IEA will meet Grade 'C' if the formatting changes were made.

It is my understanding that IEMA has confirmed that this is the case and that as such, our EIA meets the grade in terms of the information submitted but the changes.

This edition of the EIA provides the same environmental information that was submitted on 3 September 2008. It is not 'further information' as defined in the Regulations. Its date therefore remains the same.

The following changes have been made to the formatting to satisfy the concerns of IEMA:--

The Main Text

Volume 1 (Main Text) - Date change

Volume 1 (Main Text) - Chronological order changes in 'Alternatives' section changes are identified in the table below.

Previous	Changes made
325 Unit Residential Scheme – Figure 4.1	Potton Reserved Matters Submissions (Submitted 2000) – Figure 4.3
Original Scheme Layout (Submitted August 2007) – Figure 4.2	325 Unit Residential Scheme – Figure 4.1b (volume 2)
Potton Reserved Matters Submission (Submitted 2000) – Figure 4.3	Original Scheme Layout (Submitted August 2007) – Figure 4.2
Masterplan Application – Figure 4.4	Masterplan Application – Figure 4.4

The Figure Referencing Changes

Figures 4.1 – 4.4 have been placed in title pages within Volume 2.

There was duplication of the Figure numbering 4.1 with a Figure 4.1 being in the main text (Volume 1) and a different 4.1 being within Volume 2.

This has now been rectified, Figure numbering runs as follows: 4.1a, 4.1b, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4

The new figures are entitled:

Figure 4.1a: Illustration of the Three Principal Areas of the Project [Contained within Main text Page 18].

Figure 4.1b Layout of the 325 Unit Residential Scheme [Contained within Volume 2].

The main text also reflects the Figure referencing changes.

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Volumes 1 & 2 have been reformatted thus. There are six full copies and a CD.

Revised Ecology and Heritage Management Plan

An ecology and heritage management plan was submitted with the application. It provides detailed plans to manage the site's historic structures as well as protecting the various protected species and habitats at the site. Its content has been developed with help from English Heritage and English Nature and its contents were provisionally agreed although informally.

English Nature subsequently wanted greater assurances that adequate safeguards in place to make sure that the effects of dog walkers associated with the development did not give rise to harm to the European Special Protection Area (for Birds). We met English Nature on 17 January 2009 and agreed that a Recreational Use Methodology would be provided and agreed between the parties in order to allow a favourable Appropriate Assessment. This was submitted on 13 February 2009 and on 5 March 2009 English Nature responded with favourable comments and changes.

These have now been incorporated within the text of the Ecology and Heritage Management Plan as they relate to ongoing management obligations. It is a key document relating to mitigation within the EIA.

I trust that these documents now conclude the deliberations on our EIA and mitigation strategy.

If you have any queries in relation to this or indeed anything else, then please do get in touch using the contact details above.

Yours sincerely

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