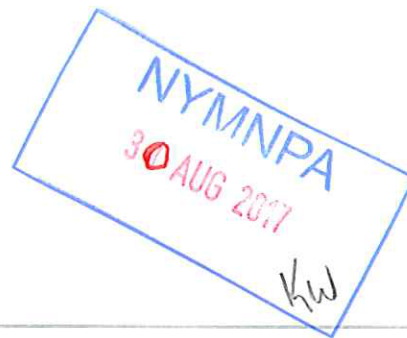


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From: Rona Charles
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Hello Rob

I have looked at what I hope are the most relevant documents in this application and also the responses from Natural England and the Environment Agency.

Generally, I recognise that the changes should reduce some impacts, which is welcome. Nevertheless, I note NE's cautionary comments re hydrogeology and hydrology and am pleased that NE colleagues are able to put specialist effort into monitoring this. I am content to rely on their comments here.

The EA response only covers hydrogeology and effects on groundwater. Will there be a separate response on water pollution, since the layout of the settlement ponds has altered quite markedly? I note that this shouldn't change any outflow characteristics, but would welcome EA assurance that this is the case, since we need to protect water quality as well as quantity.

It seems that there are no new Protected Species reports and I have no further comments on them. However, I note NE's comment that that water voles may be using the site. I wonder if they could provide more details? Sirius may need to revise their conclusions and mitigation if this is confirmed.

Please let me know if you receive any information on my queries above.

Thanks,
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