

Subject: Planning Application 16/00517

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Dear Ms Braid,

Planning Application 16/00517 Latchmore Brook .

I refer to the additional "Drawings" to this Application posted on 12 October 2016:

16_00571-AMENDED_ES_VOLUME_2_FIGURE_4.9_593580

16_00571-AMENDED_ES_VOLUME_2_FIGURE_4.11_593582

Two new plans have now been posted as Amended Versions without explaining any reason for this significant change, or the effect this has on the Planning Application. As with the original ES documents and Figures, there are no detailed drawings, levels etc. which explain or justify that these complex engineering alterations to the drainage are a practical proposal. Reference - Friends of Latchmore submission 583690 - para 38.7 - "The proposal is to partially infill the whole length of the stream, but there are no detailed design drawings or descriptions which define exactly what is proposed." By way of brief illustration of the extensive uncertainty remaining;

Hydrology

As an illustration of this complexity, the gradient of the two channels in Thompsons Castle stream will need to be changed in order that they can cross the existing Latchmore Brook (proposed to be infilled), and flow into the newly excavated winterbournes. For example:

- What are the gradients and levels proposed?
- Are the two channels to flow simultaneously ?
- There is currently a good flow of water 365 days a year through the existing channel. There are no water flow statistics published in the ES for the stream to show what the effect would be. What are the flows predicted when there are two channels?

Ecology

These latest plans will destroy important Southern Damselfly habitat.

The ES makes no reference to the extensive Southern Damselfly surveys carried out in 2013 which established SDF were breeding in the stream and which will be destroyed by the proposed works. Scarce blue-tailed damselfly are also present in the lower part of the stream.

There are also many rare insects, reptiles and amphibians in the immediate area which will be compromised by the work but not shown to be taken into account.

- What effect will the changes have on the Southern Damselfly, fish, eels, etc. which currently inhabit this stream?

You will understand that this is just one example of the complex realignments of the main channel along the whole of Latchmore Brook which have no detailed design or explanation to justify the simplistic plans presented in the ES.

This Planning Application is vast in scale and far more complex than the other recent New Forest Wetland applications. It involves major changes in elevation which are likely to result in many risk points for significant erosion as the adjustments are forced on the catchment. The erosion already found at Harvestslade and Broomy after just one year should be an alarm call to what may be in store should this proposal be approved in its current state, which we would consider unlawful.

Please provide your reassurance that a full and proper period of consultation will be given to assess these last minute provisions of critically important, yet basic information. These matters are in need of further expert considerations, relating to the previously broad brushed and vague assertions by Natural England and the applicant 'that wetland restorations are good', whereas we consider the current evidence to show that this is either untrue or uncertain and that significant damage and permanent pollution is and will be repeated at Latchmore, alongside scientific and amenity loss. Refusal of this application is the other alternative to further consultation.

I would be grateful if you would also add this e-mail to the dossier for this planning application and post it on the web-site accordingly.

Best wishes

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For "Friends of Latchmore"