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Dear Raymond Lee

Application ref: 6/2020/3306/FULL

Our ref: 337829

**Conservation of Habitats & Species Regulations 2017 (as amended)**

**Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended)**

**Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015**

This application has triggered one or more Impact Risk Zones, (available on [Magic](#) and as a downloadable [dataset](#)) indicating that impacts to statutory designated nature conservation sites (European sites or Sites of Special Scientific Interest) are likely. The designated site which could be impacted by this proposal is:

- Sherrardspark Wood Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)

Natural England's consultation response to this planning application is provided in the form of an advice note tailored for this type of development proposal (attached). We anticipate that this will contain sufficient guidance to enable you to make an informed decision regarding impacts to designated sites. If the planning application does not contain the necessary detail, we recommend that you request this from the applicant before reaching a decision.

May we respectfully remind you of your responsibilities to take into account the advice of Natural England under the above legislation, and your biodiversity duties under [s40 of the NERC Act 2006](#). We will monitor planning decisions made using these advice notes, and may contact you again to ensure outcomes are being delivered effectively. Should you have any queries about how to apply the guidance, please contact us again.

Natural England has not assessed this application for impacts on protected species. We have published [Standing Advice](#) which you can use to assess impacts on protected species or you may wish to consult your own ecology services for advice.

Please note that Natural England has only provided comments in relation to impacts on statutory designated nature conservation sites. This should not be taken to imply that there are no other more local impacts to biodiversity or other natural environment interests, and it is for the local planning authority to determine whether or not this application is consistent with national and local policies on the protection and enhancement of the natural environment. Other bodies and individuals may be able to provide information and advice on the environmental value of this site and the impacts of the proposal to assist the decision making process. We advise LPAs to obtain specialist ecological or other environmental advice when determining the environmental impacts of development. Further guidance on when to consult Natural England on planning and development proposals is available on [gov.uk](#).

For any queries relating to the specific advice in this letter only please contact me using the [contact details](#) below. For any new consultations, or to provide further information on this consultation please send your correspondences to [consultations@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:consultations@naturalengland.org.uk).

Yours sincerely,

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