For the attention of Ms Holly Pitcher

Please find Natural England's response in relation to the above mentioned consultation below.

Dear Ms Pitcher,

Application ref: 21/02298/FL

Our ref: 367638

Natural England has no comments to make on this application.

Natural England has not assessed this application for impacts on protected species. Natural England has published <u>Standing Advice</u> which you can use to assess impacts on protected species or you may wish to consult your own ecology services for advice.

Natural England and the Forestry Commission have also published standing advice on <u>ancient</u> <u>woodland and veteran trees</u> which you can use to assess any impacts on ancient woodland.

The lack of comment from Natural England does not imply that there are no impacts on the natural environment, but only that the application is not likely to result in significant impacts on statutory designated nature conservation sites or landscapes. It is for the local planning authority to determine whether or not this application is consistent with national and local policies on 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.

We recommend referring to our SSSI Impact Risk Zones (available on <u>Magic</u> and as a downloadable <u>dataset</u>) prior to consultation with Natural England. Further guidance on when to consult Natural England on planning and development proposals is available on gov.uk at https://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-planning-authorities-get-environmental-advice.

Yours sincerely,

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For further information on the Discretionary Advice Service see here For further information on the Pre-submission Screening Service see here

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Sent: 09 September 2021 14:37

To: SM-NE-Consultations (NE) < consultations@naturalengland.org.uk >

Subject: Consultation on planning application TM/21/02298/FL

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Date 9 September 2021

PROPOSAL: Demolition of existing gasholders and associated structures. Redevelopment of the site

to provide 144 residential units and up to 567 sqm of flexible Class E / ancillary residential floorspace. The proposals include the delivery of landscaping and public realm, play space, access, car parking and other associated and ancillary works

LOCATION: Tonbridge P R S Medway Wharf Road Tonbridge Kent

Dear Sirs

Town and Country Planning Act 1990

Brief particulars of this application are set out above and I shall be glad to receive any representations you may wish to make as soon as possible. If I do not hear from you by 30 September 2021 I will assume that you do not wish to comment. The application may be viewed at www.tmbc.gov.uk/view-planning-applications.

Yours faithfully

Planning Services