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Subject: RE: Medway Core Strategy- Lodge Hill strategic allocation - biodiversity offsetting report

Dear Tom

I will be issuing comments on the latest draft of EBLs offsetting report prior to Friday's deadline, but could I firstly seek some clarity on the technical process EBL have gone through to arrive at the offset calculations presented. We have been working through these and a number of things are not clear, as follows:

1) It is not clear how EBL have converted the credit requirement to a land area figure (hectares). Could you advise what the formula/multiplier is for this and (ideally) provide a worked example for our own understanding?
2) We do not appear to be able to see where the various risk multipliers in the DEFRA metric have been applied to the final calculation. These include delivery risk (e.g. the chance that the restoration or expansion fails to deliver) and spatial risk (the risk that the only sites that can be found are ecologically isolated). Are you able to advise on the approach EBL has taken to factoring in risk in accordance with the DEFRA system?
3) Significant areas of the Lodge Hill site appear to have been excluded from the 'trading up' calculations on the basis of their being allocated a distinctiveness category of 'very low'. We cannot find this category in the DEFRA metric, the lowest assessment category of which is 'low'. The result is that some 40ha of the Lodge Hill site are removed from the trade-up calculations. Can you explain why this approach has been taken?

Answers to the above will obviously help us to focus our eventual comments on matters other than concerns about whether the system has been applied in accordance with the DEFRA standard. I have copied in other members of the technical panel also in case they are having similar difficulties understanding the report.

Finally, it is looking as if some of our comments may be much more efficiently made by visual illustration, using the Thomson mapping. However we do not have express permission to reproduce these maps. Could Richard/Sarah confirm that it is OK to use extracts from their maps?

Best regards

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Dave,
You are absolutely correct. It is up to Environment Bank to decide what representations they reflect in their final report but I have always given the undertaking that all representations will be forwarded to the Inspector.
Kind regards,

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Dear Catherine,

Many thanks for your email and the updated EBL report.

I'd be grateful if you could clarify exactly how our comments will be treated when the final report is submitted to the Inspector. You state that:

"Your comments will be considered by the Environment Bank Ltd in producing the final version of the document to submit to the Medway Core Strategy Planning Inspector"

Clearly that may not necessarily include all the comments made - nor in particular - the context in which they are made.

Please could you confirm that *all* written comments will be made available to the Inspector, perhaps as an annex to the final report?

Best wishes,

Dave

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Dear all

Please see attached an updated version of the report produced by the Environment Bank Ltd into Biodiversity Offsetting to compensate for nightingale habitat loss at Lodge Hill.

This revision has been informed by the discussions at the workshop held on 9 November. It also includes the Phase 1 Habitat map of biodiversity distinctiveness, now included at Appendix 1 (page 16). Please note that we have kept the A3 scale of the map in the document, to provide greater clarity. You may need to adjust print settings accordingly if you run off a copy of the document.

In line with the timetable we have drawn up, this draft document is being sent to you for your comments. **Could you please respond by 5pm Friday 30 November 2012**. Your comments will be considered by the Environment Bank Limited in producing the final version of the document to submit to the Medway Core Strategy Planning Inspector.

Please send your comments to Tom Tew at: tomtew@environmentbank.com and cc in local planning officers at Medway Council using the email address: ldf@medway.gov.uk

Notes from the workshop held on 9 November will be circulated shortly for your information.

Thank you for your interest and participation in this work. If you have any queries at this stage, please contact Tom Tew or myself for further information.

regards

Catherine

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