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To: [Cleve Hill Solar Park](#)
Subject: RE: "Written summaries of oral submissions"
Date: 30 July 2019 11:32:17
Attachments: [REDACTED]

Please find attached a summary of our responses to the questions put to us at ISH4.

We did not make an oral submission.

Kind regards,

Greg

Greg Hitchcock | **Conservation Officer (Thames Gateway)**

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From: Cleve Hill Solar Park [mailto:CleveHillSolarPark@planninginspectorate.gov.uk]

Sent: 29 July 2019 09:40

To: Greg Hitchcock; Cleve Hill Solar Park

Subject: RE: 'Written summaries of oral submissions'

Dear Greg,

Thank you for contact the Planning Inspectorate.

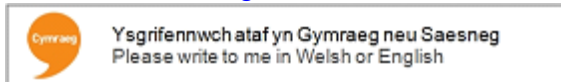
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- Written Summary of oral submission
- Response to questions raised at hearings by the Examining Authority

I hope this has been some assistance to you, any queries please do not hesitate to get in touch,

Kind Regards,

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From: Greg Hitchcock [REDACTED]
Sent: 29 July 2019 09:13
To: Cleve Hill Solar Park <CleveHillSolarPark@planninginspectorate.gov.uk>
Subject: 'Written summaries of oral submissions'

I would be grateful for a clarification.

Deadline 3 requests 'Written summaries of oral submissions put at any hearings held
between 16 and 25 July 2019'.

Does this include responses made to inspectors questions?

Kind regards,

Greg

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From: Cleve Hill Solar Park [<mailto:CleveHillSolarPark@planninginspectorate.gov.uk>]
Sent: 09 July 2019 14:44
To: Greg Hitchcock; Cleve Hill Solar Park
Cc: Laura Steuart
Subject: RE: Accompanied Site Inspection

Dear Greg,

Thank you for your e-mail, the contents of which are noted. I can confirm that we have removed the Wildlife Trust from the list of attendees for the ASI.

Kind regards,

Hefin

Hefin Jones

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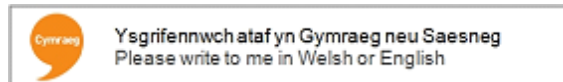
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From: Greg Hitchcock [REDACTED]

Sent: 09 July 2019 11:06

To: Cleve Hill Solar Park <CleveHillSolarPark@planninginspectorate.gov.uk>

Cc: Laura Steuart [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Accompanied Site Inspection

As the Accompanied Site Inspection will not be visiting the South Swale Nature Reserve it does not seem necessary for Kent Wildlife Trust to be present. Please consider this email notice of our withdrawal from this event.

Kind regards,

Greg

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From: Cleve Hill Solar Park [<mailto:CleveHillSolarPark@planninginspectorate.gov.uk>]

Sent: 12 June 2019 11:46

To: Greg Hitchcock; Cleve Hill Solar Park

Cc: Laura Steuart

Subject: RE: Accompanied Site Inspection

Dear Greg,

Thank you for providing this to the Planning Inspectorate.

I have updated the attendance list of your details that Kent Wildlife wish to attend the Accompanied Site Inspection.

In regards to the suggested site locations, this will be presented to the Examining Authority. An itinerary will be issued no later than a week before the 24 July 2019 outline the chosen sites.

Kind Regards,

Paige Hall

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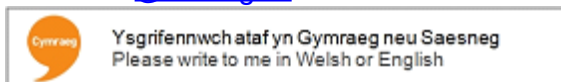
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From: Greg Hitchcock [REDACTED]

Sent: 12 June 2019 10:45

To: Cleve Hill Solar Park <CleveHillSolarPark@planninginspectorate.gov.uk>

Cc: Laura Steuart [REDACTED]

Subject: Accompanied Site Inspection

Dear Hefin,

As we are expecting the Accompanied Site Inspection on the 24th July to include our South Swale Nature Reserve (encompassing the land from the dyke landward of the sea wall, the sea wall itself, and the intertidal area adjacent), please consider this email a request for a representative of Kent Wildlife Trust to be present. This is likely to be the site warden, Laura Steuart (copied in).

The reasons for this are twofold:

1) While the Reserve can be walked through via the Public Right of Way (as per the Unaccompanied Site Inspection), you may wish to stray from this. You have our consent

to do so (excluding Castle Coote), but as we are anticipating a large group our warden can help you avoid inadvertently disturbing sensitive species.

2) Our warden will be able to answer questions the Inspector may have regarding the wildlife and management of the Nature Reserve.

Please note that grazing animals are likely to be present on the Reserve.

Kind regards,

Greg

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Response to questions raised at Issue Specific Hearing 4, Biodiversity and nature conservation, from
Kent Wildlife Trust

Under agenda point 6a (Arable Reversion Habitat Management Area)

Kent Wildlife Trust stated that as we are awaiting further revisions and evidence discussing the sward mix at the next Habitat Management Steering Group would be acceptable.

Regarding the use of the mitigation area by lapwing and golden plover, we welcomed the further information and evidence that will be forthcoming from the applicant and the opportunity to review. We highlighted a key consideration is the applicability of going beyond the figures agreed from Gillings when, in that study, lapwing and golden plover did not select grass pasture.

We stated we were happy to wait for the updates to the documents, including the LBMP, including remedial measures and adaptive management, and the opportunity to review them and discuss further the monitoring timescales through the Habitat Management Steering Group.

Regarding precautionality, we stated that the 'Peak Mean' has already been agreed (in the Statement of Common Ground between the Applicant and Natural England) as the required mitigation. This is precautionary in the absence of better information regarding the relative importance of the site within the Swale SPA. We do not see the Peak Mean as precautionary in the argument that the mitigation does not need to reach that level. The Peak Mean is what needs to be achieved.

Under agenda point 6b (Habitat within the solar array for marsh harrier)

We pointed out the applicant's answer to the question regarding adaptive management for marsh harrier in the event of behavioural barriers to use of the habitat would not work, and that this is still an uncertainty.

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