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Dear Mr Crawley,

**TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
CONFIRMATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH CONDITIONS.**

SUBMISSION OF (PART) DETAILS REQUIRED BY CONDITIONS 3, 5, 6 and 7 IMPOSED ON RR/2014/1608/P: ROTHER VALLEY RAILWAY, TRACK REINSTATEMENT BETWEEN BODIAM (JUNCTION ROAD) AND ROBERTSBRIDGE.

Conditions 3, 5, 6, and 7 (part): (Ecology):

The details submitted relate to the section of track bed between Junction Road, Bodiam, and Austen's Bridge only. We have consulted with the County Ecologist on the information provided. Since the original submission to discharge the conditions (in part) the County Ecologist notes that some additional survey work has been undertaken by your ecological consultant and clarification has been provided on the issues; in the circumstances, the County Ecologist has confirmed that the ecological conditions can be satisfied. The Local Planning Authority is therefore able to confirm that the details submitted under Conditions 3, 5, 6, and 7 are APPROVED in relation to the section of track between Junction Road, Bodiam, and Austen's Bridge.

The details required by Conditions 3, 5, 6, and 7 are APPROVED in part. Please note that the conditions, so far as they relate to this section of track bed, cannot be discharged until such a time as the mitigation and habitat management works have been put in place, as required by the conditions.

Additionally, it is noted that you have consulted with the County Ecologists on the points raised by the Sussex Ornithological Society (SOS) regarding barn owls, nightingales and turtle doves. Whilst it seems unlikely that those species will be impacted for this particular stretch of the railway, it is noted that your ecological consultant is happy to speak to the SOS directly to highlight the most important areas for future reference.

Yours faithfully,

Mark Cathcart: Planning - Development Management.

