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Subject: FW: Application 3/2015/0766 - Land at Malt Kiln Brow Chipping
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From: Jack Spees [<mailto:jack@ribbletrust.com>]
Sent: 22 October 2015 08:09
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Subject: RE: Application 3/2015/0766 - Land at Malt Kiln Brow Chipping

Hi Adrian,

Thanks for sending this through. Page 11 Pollution prevention measures refers to the "River Irwell", obviously a cut and paste mistake as that should read chipping brook.

Otters rely on suitable quantities of prey species, including fish. I am a little concerned about lack of reference to the impacts of the development on fish species. However I concede that this is not a standard inclusion in otter surveys. As such I think that this is a comprehensive report, that does cover the minimum requirements of Otter and Water vole protection.

However given that they have surveyed outside of the development site boundary for otters and water voles indicated by areas bounded in green beyond the red site development boundary, I would have expected some consideration to other species. Trout, eel and salmon are endangered species found throughout this section of the brook, and are protected under the salmon and freshwater fish act, and also the eel legislation. There should be adequate protection, mitigation or compensation for these species from impacts. Such impacts include light pollution, noise disturbance, and habitat loss. Although there is no in-channel work I can ascertain from the website, I note that there are a number of riparian trees identified in the arb report for removal. These trees provide vital habitat for fish, from roots to overhead cover, which provide refuge (including thermal), as well as a vital source of food/prey. Removal of these trees will have an impact on the brook and as such we would like to see mitigation or compensation of the loss on site, or through off site compensation.

The reference to hydro power does concern us, we have discussed previously with the owners agent the potential impacts and necessary compensatory measures. Creation of "depleted reaches" leads to habitat loss, also it can impede migration of fish which would need to be mitigated. On this section of stream which is a recovering waterbody under the Water Framework Directive (previously moderate – now good as a result of our projects) we are opposed to activities that may threaten the species and the WFD status. As such we would seek suitable actions to offset ANY impact on the stream.

We have delivered a series of projects to improve Chipping brook, and have annual survey records dating back 8 years, including a number immediately downstream of the proposed development.

Very Many Thanks

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Dear Jack,

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Water Vole and Otter report attached for information/comment.

Regards,
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