

Good Morning Andrew,

Apologies for the delay, it has all been a little bit hectic over here.

We don't necessarily need a meeting with Natural England, we are just seeking to agree our proposed approach towards the discharge of Requirements. As you suggest below, we do not anticipate any issues with regard to protected species within the Downhill Lane scheme footprint. We need to take certain steps moving forward to re-confirm the (nil) baseline of our assessment prior to construction which is due to commence in September 2020.

In accordance with paragraph 16 in schedule 2 (Part 2 'Procedure for Discharge of Requirements') of the draft DCO for the A19 Downhill Lane junction improvement scheme, and with your agreement, we intend to take anticipatory steps towards the discharge of Requirements in anticipation of SoS decision in July. For ease of reference we attach the final draft of the DCO submitted at Deadline 5 of the Examination – See Requirement 7 on pdf page 43.

As with the approach adopted as part of the Testo's procedure for discharge of Requirements we will undertake pre-construction surveys across the whole scheme footprint and submit our findings to Natural England for review. We intend to carry out the surveys in early July and send reports to consultees at the earliest opportunity. Our team are available as required to discuss any matters arising from the information presented. If at all possible we would like to submit our application to the SoS to discharge the Requirements as soon as practicable after SoS decision which we anticipate in July and so your prompt review of the submitted documents would be appreciated.

Kind Regards,

Tom