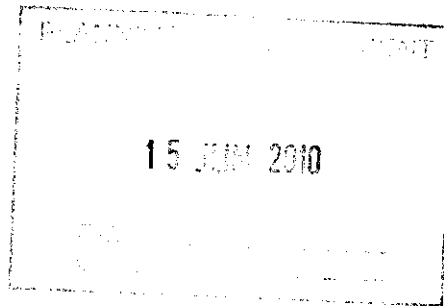


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Dear Lynn

Additional Information Matter 9 Tier 3 and other developments

I went on holiday last week and was rushing to complete a mountain of work and I think I forgot to send you the printed copies of my last submission. I sincerely apologise for this oversight and enclosed the required number of copies. I hope they are not too late.

I have also now received the letter from Rydon Homes regarding BIDD1 which I also enclose. I have photocopied the required number of copies in case the inspector wishes other parties to see it. The letter details Rydon homes understanding of our agreement which only differs from mine in respect of the grassland verge alongside the hedgerow along the southern boundary. I am sure we can come to an agreement regarding this detail.

I look forward to seeing you at the enquiry and again apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Ms Salmon

**Proposed housing allocation BID1
 Sandeman Way Biddenden**

Further to our site meeting of 1 June I can confirm that Rydon Homes is in negotiation with the landowner with a view to developing the site should the allocation be accepted at the forthcoming examination in public.

At the site meeting we discussed the concerns of the Kent Wildlife Trust and reached agreement on how those concerns could be satisfactorily addressed as part of any development of the site.

On our part I can confirm that Rydon Homes would be willing, as part of any development, to include the following mitigation works:-

- Reinstated hedgerows - to be reinstated hedgerows along the southern boundary dividing the site from the back gardens of properties in Cheeselands and the field boundary to the west of the site linking the existing hedgerow to the west of Cheeselands to the wooded area around the pond to the north west of the site.
- New hedgerows - provide new hedgerows along the western boundary of allocation BID1 and returning the hedgerow along the southern side of the public footpath to link to the woodland by the pond to the north west of the site. This would provide a network of hedgerows to the south and west of the allocation that reinforces the existing network in the area. We would intend using indigenous species for the hedgerows and include a number of "standards" within the westernmost hedgerow that would be allowed to mature without problems of overshadowing the proposed development of the allocated site.

- Bird boxes - it was also agreed that bird boxes could be provided, possibly one per dwelling, of types suitable for the local bird population, eg martin boxes, sparrow boxes, etc.
- Grassland - the triangle of grassland to the west of the allocation will be retained as neutral grassland.

In addition to the above I can confirm that an ecological survey is being undertaken to include a Great Crested Newt survey and any recommendations that may be made in the final report will also be implemented as part of any development.

I understand that on condition such measures were provided as part of any development, Kent Wildlife Trust would have no objection to the proposed allocation BID1. This could be achieved through the imposition of a planning condition or the requirement for a 106 agreement at the planning application stage. No doubt this is a recommendation you will be requesting.

Yours sincerely
for Rydon Homes Limited



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