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Dear Ms Shepherd

### **Freedom of Information Act 2000**

We can confirm that the information requested is held by Brighton & Hove City Council. I have detailed below the information that is being released to you.

Please quote the reference number 2445867 in any future communications.

***In a press release published on your website 11th October 2018 regarding a planned development of 217 flats on the Local Nature Reserve of Whitehawk Hill, you state that 'landscape and ecology appraisals have already been carried out on the site, which found that housing can be developed without significant adverse impacts on the Local Nature Reserve as long as certain ecological mitigations are in place.'***

***Can you please disclose***

***\* who carried out these appraisals and what was the wording of the report in full***

***including:***

***\* the nature of the ecological mitigations that needs to be in place***

***\* the author's definition of 'significant adverse impacts' on the Local Nature Reserve***

In 2014, LUC consultants were commissioned by the council to carry out a high-level assessment of urban fringe sites to identify whether any of the sites had any potential for housing development. This included "Site 30: Land at and adjoining Brighton Race Course". The study concluded that a small part of the site had some potential for high density development. The Urban Fringe Assessment (UFA) 2014 can be found on-line as follows:

Main Report: [https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/sites/brighton-hove.gov.uk/files/Urban%20Fringe%20Assessment%20-%20Report%20%28June%202014%29%20FINAL\\_0.pdf](https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/sites/brighton-hove.gov.uk/files/Urban%20Fringe%20Assessment%20-%20Report%20%28June%202014%29%20FINAL_0.pdf)

Appendices (see pages 117-120 for site 30): <https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/sites/brighton-hove.gov.uk/files/Urban%20Fringe%20Assessment%20-%20Appendix%204%20%28June%202014%29%20FINAL.pdf>

In 2015, LUC consultants were commissioned by the council to carry out further assessments of a selection of urban fringe sites that had been identified as having development potential within the UFA 2014. The Urban Fringe Further Assessment (UFFA) 2015 included phase 1 habitat surveys and landscape assessments. The introduction and methodology of the report describes the types of surveys carried out and can be found on-line as follows:

<https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/sites/brighton-hove.gov.uk/files/UFA%202015%20Chapter%201%20Intro%20and%20Method.pdf>

All information relating to the assessment of Site 30, including ecological mitigation and enhancement, can be found in the "Ecology Assessment" for this site, which is available on-line as follows:

<https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/sites/brighton-hove.gov.uk/files/UFA%202015%20Chapter%204%20Sites%2030%20to%2032%2C32a.pdf>

The Draft City Plan Part 2 has recently been published for a period of consultation. This includes Site 30 as a proposed site allocation under policy H2: Housing Sites – Urban Fringe. Information relating to the City Plan Part 2 can be found on-line as follows:

<https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/planning/planning-policy/city-plan-part-two>

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We will now close your request as of this date.

Yours sincerely

Information Compliance Officer