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Re: Proposed Substation at Princes Parade

Lloyd Bore Ltd were requested by Hadron Consulting on behalf of Hythe District council to update and review existing ecological baseline data in relation to the proposed substation, which is the subject of a current planning application.

Recent visits to the site between April and August 2021 confirm that habitats remain largely the same on site as compared with the 2016 botanical survey and the 2021 update habitat survey update that was reported in the recently submitted *Ecological Method Statement* (3609-LLB-RP-EC-0015-S4-P02), with a non-significant increase in the extents of ruderal and scrub on site (see Appendix 1 overleaf).

The ecological baseline for the area within and around the footprint of the proposed substation remains materially the same, with no ecologically significant changes recorded, and the ecological constraints previously highlighted in relation to this area within the *Ecological Method Statement* remain valid.

The loss of the small area required to build the substation does not pose any additional ecological constraints that were not previously identified. As a precaution, vegetation in the area of the substation should be timed to be conducted outside of the typical breeding bird season (taken between March and August inclusive) with removal of ground level vegetation subject to ecological supervision to avoid killing or injuring of any toads or small mammals within the works footprint. This is in full accordance with the submitted *Ecological Method Statement* and these measures are only repeated here for completeness.

Yours sincerely,

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Reference: Lloyd Bore (2021) Ecological Method Statement. Lloyd Bore Ltd, Canterbury.

Appendix 1: NVC Survey Plan [SEE OVERLEAF]

