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To: Roy Thompson < >
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Roy,

My notes from our meeting this morning with Christy Clarke and Bernadine Carry from Meath CC.

We all agreed that something needs to be done to prevent further damage to the site which is being caused by vehicular access.

MCC favoured position in short term at least, is to improve the current hard core parking areas to north (Maiden Tower end) and south (golf course end) of dunes. And to instate bollards of some type to stop vehicles entering the dunes from the parking area. Christy to send his ideas in achieving this in written format to Roy. Roy stated that this would only be a possibility if none of the habitat/bordering habitat with the carpark is impacted. I.E. the footprint of the current carpark cannot be expanded.

Roy will ask PO'D if ARC is possible mechanism to allow these types of works.

Roy stated that anything further to the above mentioned types of works would have to go through the full planning process, where NPWS are statutory consultancies. Bernadine suggested that this could be done in the longer term, after more immediate, smaller scale works are undertaken.

Roy mentioned that closing the barriers at either entrance could be a temporary measure to protect the site, MCC did not appear to be interested in this approach. We all recognised that reducing the available parking will have the knock-on impact of visitors parking in local residential areas.

We will request SDU contact the landowner(S) to notify them of damage occurring within the SAC/SPA on their property(s). This should start the process of engaging the landowner(s) to become involved to some degree in the management/protection of the site.

Regards,

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