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Ref: DF/THK/LR/MG03

Dear Megan,

RE: AL/20/21/PL - WINGS NURSERY, LINDSEY ROAD, WOODGATE, ECOLOGY CONDITIONS

Further to our recent conversation, I have reviewed the planning conditions attached to Planning Permission AL/20/21/PL for the above site, specifically Condition 6, which states:

Condition 6

No development shall commence until a mitigation method statement has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority to provide details of how those retained hedgerows are to be protected and enhanced. There must be a 5m buffer zone in place secured by fencing around the retained hedgerows during construction. The development shall thereafter proceed in accordance with the approved hedgerow protection and enhancement measures.

Reason: Bats use hedgerows for foraging and commuting and therefore in accordance with the NPPF and policy ENV DM5 of the Arun Local Plan. This is required to be a pre-commencement condition because the hedgerow protection scheme must be in place prior to construction starting.

I can confirm, in line with the above condition, the tree protection fencing within the Site, which conforms to BS: 5837 (2012), will be position a minimum of 5m off the retained hedgerows around the periphery of the Site. The alignment of the fencing is shown on Beechdown Arboriculture *Tree Protection Plan* (attached).

Within the *Biodiversity Enhancement Strategy* for the Site, submitted in accordance with Condition 4 of the permission (Derek Finnie Associates, Report Ref: DFA22002), details are given on how the ecological permeability of the Site will be increased through re-enforcement planting within the retained hedgerows, so as to enhance their value as commuting corridors. Native species, including field maple, hornbeam, dogwood, hazel, hawthorn, dog rose



and goat willow, will be planted in double rows at 400mm centres within any existing gap of more than 3m in the retained hedgerows.

I hope you find this useful, but if you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,



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Wings Nursery
Appendix 7 - tree protection plan

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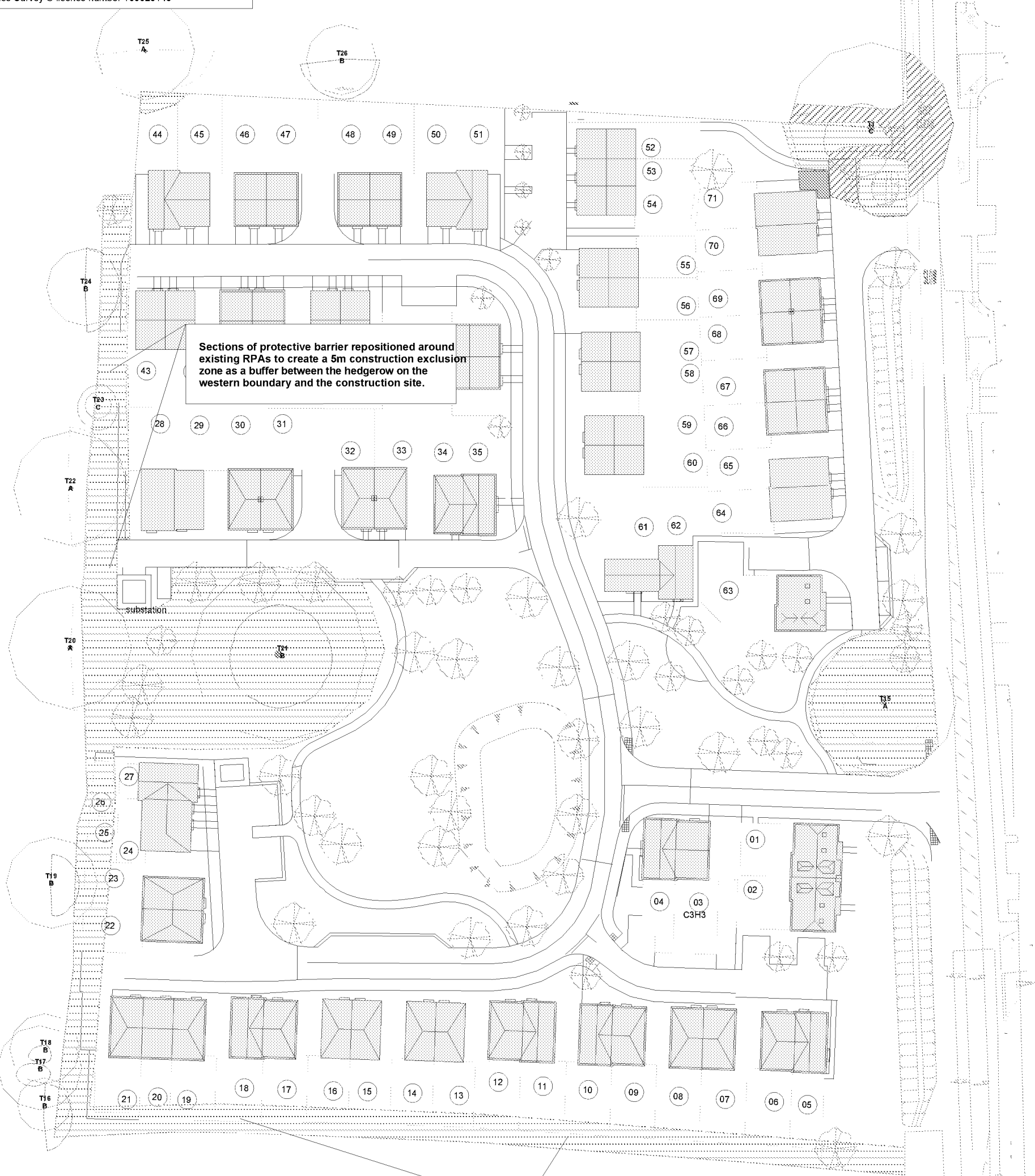
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Wings Nursery - BS5837 tree survey/report - revised November 2021

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- Key:**
- Construction exclusion zone
 - Ground protection
 - Existing hard surface
 - Proposed tree planting
 - Protective barrier



Protective barrier repositioned to create a 5m construction exclusion zone as a buffer between the hedgerow on the southern boundary and the construction site.

Category 'A'

Category 'B'

Category 'C'

Category 'U'

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60m