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Your Ref: RT-MME-113959

Dear Julian,

Westergate, West Sussex – Reptile Trapping and Translocation

Further to your instruction to carry out reptile fencing and mitigation works in accordance with the approved Reptile Mitigation Strategy (Report RT-MME-112844), I am pleased to enclose further details of the mitigation works that have been completed at the site.

In accordance with the mitigation strategy, Middlemarch Environmental Ltd previously attended site to carry out the following fencing and Ecological Clerk of Works role:

- Installation of reptile exclusion fencing at the site and setting out of trapping refugia. Works were completed under Ecological Clerk of Work supervision by Middlemarch Environmental Ltd (August/September 2014);
- Trapping and translocation of reptiles (September/October 2014);

During the trapping works two juvenile slow worms, one male slow worm and two common lizards were found and translocated to the receptor site to the east of the development area.

Following the completion of the trapping and translocation of reptiles, the vegetation within the trapping site required clearance to ensure compliance with the approved method statement and ensure all reptiles had been translocated out of the works area.

The vegetation clearance works were undertaken in November 2014 under the supervision of an Ecological Clerk of Works. During the site clearance works, no reptiles were discovered. The internal exclusion fencing was also removed during the site clearance works.

Between now and the completion of the development works, the external reptile exclusion fences must remain in place and must be regularly checked by Wilson House (or their contractor) and maintained in good condition.

As part of the reptile mitigation strategy, the creation and management of habitats associated with the development should be completed in accordance with the Reptile Mitigation Strategy (Report RT-MME-112844).

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The mitigation strategy requires that reptile population monitoring is carried out at the site in Years 1, 3 and 5 post-trapping and translocation i.e. in 2015, 2017 and 2019. These works should include reptile surveys of the receptor site.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for involving Middlemarch Environmental Ltd in this project and we look forward to continuing to work with you. If you have any queries

Yours sincerely,

For and On Behalf of Middlemarch Environmental Ltd.



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