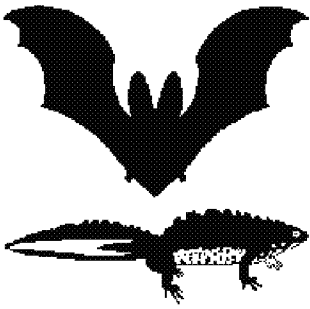




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Dear Mark

REF: Reptile Translocation at Hearnfield Road.

Following a full reptile survey at land at Hearnfield road it was identified that there was a good population of both Slow Worms and Common Lizards.

Following discussions with the county ecologist a methodology was agreed and produced to translocate the reptile populations to a receptor site in Shillinglee.

The receptor site is considered ideal habitat for reptiles and is known to have all 4 common species of reptile present. The receptor site is considerably larger than the donor site and it is a suitable area to receive the translocated population.

The receptor site will be managed as present, suitable for reptiles, for a period of 10 years, enhancements have been created on the site for reptiles with the creation of hibernacula.

Trapping commenced throughout the site on the 11th August 2010 through to the 17th October. Throughout the trapping period saplings, shrubs and foliage was periodically and systematically cleared in an ecological sensitive way to maximise the trapping success throughout the site.

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Throughout the 58 trapping visits a total of 365 reptiles were caught, 128 slow worms and 242 lizards.

Following the trapping throughout the site a destructive search was conducted across the entire site concentrating on the large soil and waste piles on the site and the root balls. A total of 36 reptiles were found, 1 slow worm and 35 lizards.

Of particular interest during the destructive search was the discovery of a single cluster of Grass snake eggs, these were moved to a safe location and not translocated to Shillinglee.

In total 406 reptiles were translocated to the Shillinglee receptor site, 129 slow worms and 277 lizards, these included a high number of juveniles showing that these had been breeding on the site.

The translocation of the reptiles from the site has been successful and is completed. The reptile fence is still intact and erected around the site, development can commence throughout the site and the fencing should remain erected through the development.

An ecologist should be contacted when the fencing is removed to check for individual reptiles which can have burrowed down into the footings of the fencing.

If you have any questions on the translocation please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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