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Dear Neil

PLANNING APPLICATION REFERENCE LU/63/11 – OUTLINE APPLICATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE FITZALAN LINK ROAD

I am writing in response to Natural England's letter dated 17 March 2011, in which they raise no objection to this planning application but confirming that further species specific ecological surveys should be submitted by the applicant before the determination of the application.

Those species specific surveys have been undertaken and I am pleased to enclose the following (one hard copy of each and on CD):

- Fitzalan Link Bat Roost Assessment
- Fitzalan Link Invertebrate Report
- Fitzalan Link Reptile Report
- Fitzalan Link Badger letter incorporating Appendix A – Habitat Survey drawing

The Bat Roost Assessment confirms that 5 existing trees on the site offer potential as bat roosts, but none of these are intended to be removed through the construction of the new road.

The Invertebrate Report concludes that the site is only of local importance, containing small populations of relatively few scarce insect species. It recommends that buffer areas of landscaping, particularly along the western boundary with existing housing along Highdown

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Drive, should include areas of retained or re-established grassland, scrub and bramble as retained habitat.

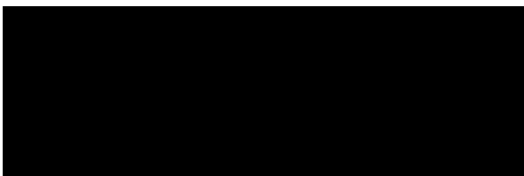
The Reptile Survey confirms the presence of one species of reptile – Slowworm – which will need to be removed from the site prior to any works commencing by means of a translocation to a safe receptor site locally.

Finally, the Badger Survey confirms that no badger sets were found on site or within 30m of the development footprint, and that based on the field signs, badger use of the site is considered low. It is recommended that updated Badger surveys are carried out prior to the commencement of the development.

The only other issue was our response to Graham Evans' comments on noise issues dated 4 August 2011. As you know, Nigel Mann has spoken with Graham and copied you into his subsequent email on the matter.

Hopefully, this addresses all outstanding matters but do let me know if you require anything more from me at this stage.

Yours sincerely



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