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Penny Mills
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Dear Penny,

RE: DC/20/0615/RM - Submission of details under SE/09/1283 - the means of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for the construction of 41 dwellings with associated private amenity space, means of enclosure, car parking, vehicle and access arrangement and drainage together with proposed areas of landscaping and areas of open space for a residential development known as Phase 2A. Land North Of Anne Sucklings Lane, Little Wratting

Thank you for re-consulting us on this application, we previously commented in May 2020 and wish to update those comments:

We note that following on from our previous comments, a hazel dormouse survey report (James Blake Associates, November 2019) has been produced. Whilst hazel dormice have not been identified to be present within the specific hedges impacted by this development, they are known to occur in the wider landscape, with a confirmed record within 1.7km of the site. Given the nature of this development, there is limited scope to strengthen the ecological network in this area. However, in addition to proposed tree and hedgerow planting in the Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (James Blake Associates, March 2020), we recommend that there is also buffering planting along the whole northern boundary where it abuts the proposed relief road. The provision of a diverse range of native shrub species in this location will further contribute to a linear wildlife corridor.

We also note that a bat activity survey report (James Blake Associates, December 2020) and Precautionary Reptile Method Statement (James Blake Associates, August 2020) have been produced and the recommendations made within these reports should be included as a condition of planning consent, should permission be granted.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require anything further.

Yours sincerely

Jacob Devenney
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