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**Sent:** Wednesday, November 15, 2023 1:28 PM  
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**Subject:** RE: Spring Grove Farm SCC/0045/23SE

Good afternoon Andy,

Thank you for sending the response to the above application from Suffolk Wildlife Trust. It appears they are familiar with the site and I agree the watercourses referred to should be looked at again, with regard to their potential for Otter & Water Vole.

The [REDACTED] Mammals report includes [REDACTED] in the [REDACTED] of a watercourse that was dry during the survey, I would advise this site should be checked when there is water in the ditch to check for possible Water Vole presence. It may well be rats that have made these burrows but it is worth double checking.

If I can assist further with this matter, please get back in contact with me.

Regards

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Hi Seph,

Please could you review Suffolk Wildlife Trusts comments (attached) and provide me with your thoughts on their requests?

Thanks,  
Andy

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