

Our Ref: JBA 21/281 ECO SW

29th October 2025

RE: Ecological Compliance Statement Regarding Phase 3 of Royston, Hertfordshire

Phase 3 has full planning permission under planning reference: 19/02866/RM. Phase 3 has the following condition 7 to discharge: *'All ecological measures and/or works shall be carried out in accordance with the details contained in Construction Method Statement (Ecology) produced by Green Environmental Consultants and dated January 2018. Evidence of successful completion of ecological measures should be provided to the Local Planning Authority'*.

In summary, the Construction Method Statement (Ecology) produced by Green Environmental Consultants (2018) stated that the following works were to be undertaken:

- Ecological Clerk of Works (ECoW) appointed.
- ECoW to check treeline for nesting birds, bats and badgers. Any nests or bat roosts in the working area to be identified and marked off, to be avoided. Any evidence of bats or badger activity to be notified to client and contractor and decision made as to whether a licence is required or whether modified work can be carried out avoiding that area.
- Site preparation – root protection zones and community area fencing erected.
- Destructive search for reptiles on verge and on site by ECoW and contractor.
- Removal of scrub from access route through tree line in present of ECoW.
- Compound establishment and toolbox talk to contractors and sub-contractors.

James Blake Associated Ltd. (JBA) were appointed as ECoW for Phase 3 and can confirm that a walkover to survey for bat roosts and badgers were undertaken in September 2022 prior to any clearance works. No bat roosts and badger setts or potential bat roosts and badger setts were identified within the construction area or within 30m of the construction area. Maintenance works were undertaken on site following this survey which was carried out under the supervision of an ECoW.

Nesting bird surveys were undertaken in May and July 2024 which were immediately followed by ecological supervision and destructive search for the removal of scrub for an access route and cut back of trees/scrub due to overgrowth on the public rights of way.

Prior to any works commencing on site, the appointed ECoW would provide a toolbox talk to site personnel and provided ID guides where necessary.

If further information is required, please let me know.

Yours sincerely,

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