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Dear Sarah,

Application: Details reserved by Condition 12 (Ecological Walkover Report) of planning permission reference 14/02485/1 granted on 07.12.2016
Address: Land East Of Garden Walk And North Of Newmarket Road Garden Walk Royston Hertfordshire
Application No: [24/02757/DOC](#)

ECOLOGICAL IMPLICATIONS

Thank you for consulting this office on the above application.

Overall Recommendation:

☒ Condition No 12 can be Discharged

Condition. 12

Prior to the commencement of any phase of the development, hereby permitted, further ecological survey work to assess the presence of, and impacts upon Lizards shall be undertaken as recommended in the submitted Ecological Appraisal (Green Environmental Consultants Limited, May 2014). The surveys shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The recommendations of the survey work shall be implemented on site.

Reason: In order to protect the ecological value of the site.

Supporting documents:

I have made use of the following documents in providing this advice:

- Ecological Walkover Survey – James Blake Associates (January 2023)
- Reptile Mitigation Strategy - James Blake Associates (March 2025)

Comments:

A Reptile Mitigation Strategy has been submitted and this provides instruction as to the timing of the works, toolbox talks, reasonable avoidance measures, destructive searches and EcoW. A proposed on-site location to safely move any reptiles to if found is also outlined. The mitigation measures proposed are endorsed and this information is now considered to provide an approach sufficient for the LPA to be satisfied that reptiles will not be harmed if they remain present at the site. Overall, there is now sufficient consideration of risk to reptiles to discharge Condition 12.

I trust these comments are of assistance,

Regards,

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