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Dear Mr Wells,

County Consultation : Proposed application for the construction of a reservoir for the storage of irrigation water to be abstracted as agreed with the Environment Agency during peak flow winter months for summer irrigation use, including importation of 65000m3 of fill material

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Land To The North Of Ivel Grange, Works Road, Letchworth Garden City, Hertfordshire,

I refer to your consultation regarding the above.

On behalf of the Council I would offer the following view.

Traffic Generation

The District Council would be concerned about the importation of material and the impacts this might have on the local highway network. Lorry movements should not be routed through Baldock and a detailed traffic management plan should be imposed by condition such that ensures minimum inconvenience to other road users and those living near to transit routes.

Biodiversity and Landscape

All efforts to benefit local biodiversity should be taken if the scheme is approved. The creation of water body should be seen as an opportunity to increase aquatic biodiversity and also as a potential recreational opportunity. The reservoir should be stocked with fish and its environs landscaped appropriately with indigenous trees and hedges.

Encouragement should be given to local angling clubs to use the established lake and this encouragement facilitated by agreement or condition.

The use of bunding should be carefully considered such that would not give rise to an alien feature in the landscape.

I hope this input proves helpful.

Yours faithfully,



Simon Ellis
Development & Conservation Manager