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Appendix 7.4 – correspondence

Kind Regards,

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Good morning Beth,

Thank you for your email; in order that the NatureSpace Technical Team can assess this site, I would recommend completing the [online enquiry form](#) – there is a section within this form which relates specifically to compensation sites and the previous use NE mitigation licences.

However, having also queried the use of the District Licence on GCN receptor sites, I can also supply the following information as provided by the NatureSpace Technical Team.

“Please note that, if any compensation ponds are to be removed within the receptor site, then a higher compensation ratio will be applied. Also, if there are licence requirements already active, the DL cannot by default supersede them; however, EPSL licences have been replaced by DL licences in the past, following consent from Natural England.”

Kind regards,

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Hi Beth

The question re survey effort is one for Cherwell DC really (their ecologist cc'd in) – I have been involved with this site over many years but CDC are the planning authority in this case, not Oxfordshire County Council.

Same with net gain, although previously all GCN mitigation was going to be done on site, and the grassland compensation was proposed on a field adjacent to the airfield (but off-site).

I assume you have taken over from the previous consultants on this? If so, there is a lot of history going back well over 10 years, it would be useful if you could speak to about the work they have done so far. Contact Mark Satinet at 4 Acre Ecology. If no luck with that, I have some survey documents save from over the years, but this is unlikely to be complete!

I have also cc'd in Eleanor Bunn, the District Newt licensing officer for Oxfordshire, I am sure she will be happy to send you more information on this.

Regards,

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Good afternoon Nick,

I am writing in reference to a proposed residential development north of Camp Rd, Upper Heyford. The site has an area which was developed as a great crested newt receptor site for a previous mitigation licence adjacent to the site within the north-western compartment. There is also a brook which runs from north to south through the site, with the eastern field compartment hosting disturbed ephemeral/short perennial vegetation with associated hedgerows.

The site was subject to an updated preliminary ecological appraisal in 2021, with further surveys comprising GCN eDNA surveys (confirming presence within receptor ponds on site), ground level bat tree assessments, otter and water vole survey, invertebrate surveys and a biodiversity net gain assessment. In addition to this, a red kite nest was observed. The proposals seek to provide c.210 homes, 35% of which will be affordable. The development largely lies within the eastern field compartment with ephemeral/short perennial vegetation and a north-eastern field compartment of improved grassland of little ecological interest, with access to the site via Camp Road.

I am writing to establish if you are in agreement with our survey efforts to date. The eDNA surveys confirmed presence, with ponds to be retained. Two small sections of hedgerow are to be impacted to facilitate access to the site, therefore full bat activity surveys were deemed disproportionate. We are hoping to apply for district level licensing for this site, do you have any information regarding Oxfordshire district licensing specifically?

The biodiversity net gain assessment has come out at a gain, however, we are wondering if Oxfordshire are currently offering biodiversity offsetting for offsite mitigation/net gain?

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

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