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Via email (pchambers@davidlock.com)

Dear Peter

Gavray Drive West, Bicester - 15/00837/OUT

Following consultation with David Lowe, Cherwell District Council's ecological adviser, please find attached (**Annex 1**) the Biodiversity Impact Assessment (BIA) for the above Application; which was prepared with reference to the submitted Parameters Plan for the application and the methodology agreed with David Lowe.

As you are aware, this has been completed at the Council's request for additional information to assist the Council in being able to consider the conformance of the application with respect to Policy Bicester 13 of the Local Plan. You will note that the BIA demonstrates that the development will result in a net gain in biodiversity. The conclusions of the BIA are consistent with and has no material adverse effect on the outcome of the ecology chapter of the Environmental Statement which informs the Application.

By way of contextual information and as you are aware, a BIA was also completed for the future development of Gavray Drive East (**Annex 2** - the remainder of the land covered by Policy Bicester 13). This BIA was based on the indicative Development Framework Plan for GDE (**Annex 3**); which was tabled by DLA during the Local Plan EIP. The Development Framework Plan for GDE assumes all development is excluded from the Local Wildlife Site (LWS) and that the development of GDE will secure the delivery of long-term, positive, ecological management of the LWS and the other retained/ enhanced greenspace which will be delivered by GDE. You will note that the BIA for GDE also results in a net gain in biodiversity.

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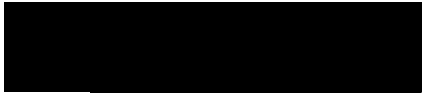
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I trust that the above and attached is clear. Please do not hesitate to call me should you have any queries.

Yours sincerely



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Enclosures:

Annex 1 – BIA for Gavray Drive West

Annex 2 – BIA for Gavray Drive East

Annex 3 – Development Framework Plan for Gavray Drive East

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