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Dear Lauren,

Re: Oxford Technology Park-Planning Reference: 14/02067/OUT Discharge of Conditions 15 and 16 (Reference 16/00533/DISC)

Further to your recent correspondence I understand that you are in receipt of comments from Louise Sherwell Assistant Ecologist at Warwickshire County Council.

Condition 15

I understand that they have recommended discharge of Condition 15 that relates to reptiles and that no further work is required in this respect.

Condition 16

I understand that Louise Sherwell was largely in agreement with our approach in the Ecological Enhancement and Management Plan; however clarification was sought on the following aspects: bats, badger and hedgerow protection. We have amended the report as follows to address these concerns:

- Bats (Sections 3.8-3.10). The hybrid black poplar (T1) is to be retained and an impact is not anticipated.
- Badger (Sections 3.11-3.14). No evidence of badger was recorded in 2012 or 2016. Measures have been put forward to protect badger during construction and a further badger survey will be undertaken if construction is delayed beyond September 2017.
- Hedgerow (Section 4.3). This has been amended to state clearly that the fencing will be installed prior to any site clearance work and will be a minimum of two metres from the base of the hedgerow.

I hope this letter and the accompanying amended Ecological Enhancement and Management Plan provide adequate information in order for Condition 16 to be recommended for discharge.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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