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**Sent:** 07 December 2018 14:48
**To:** Maria Philpott; Paul Evans
**Subject:** 18/01333/F Extension of Technical Site at Bicester Airfield

Re: 18/01333/F Extension of Technical Site at Bicester Airfield

Dear Maria,

I wish the following information to be made available to Councillors on the Planning Committee, that is, that areas of the application site in between the trees were stripped of vegetation and the top soil piled up, in late August this year, thus obliterating the ecology and raising concerns about the impact on resident animals.

I did contact you by 'phone at that time and your reply was that it was being done 'to get the levels'.

However, I notice in your report for next week's planning committee meeting (13/12/18) that the Council Ecologist feels there should be mitigation for Great Crested Newts which may have used the site as there were 2 ponds.

In your report at para 6.12 the CDC Ecology Officer states: "Would recommend a precautionary approach is adopted, retaining the ponds and surrounding terrestrial habitat to the south and east within the landscaping proposal. Would also condition
the submission of a Great Crested Newt working method to avoid impact on Great Crested Newts that could be present."

Again the Ecology Officer says at para 8.71: "From the proposed site plan, it suggests that the ponds are to be lost through the development but there has been no assessment of this loss. A precautionary approach would be to retain the ponds in situ."

I am concerned that a precautionary approach cannot be taken if the land has already been cleared and some of the habitat has therefore been destroyed.

This is the second site in Bicester where land clearance has taken place without an application being approved by Committee and it is a practice that not only destroys the ecology but also may prejudice the outcome of the planning application.

Yours Sincerely,

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