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Your Ref: 3/2016/0949

Our Ref: 3756

Chipping Homes Ltd  
Units A2-A6 Edge Fold Industrial Estate  
Plodder Lane  
Farnworth  
Bolton  
England  
BL4 0LR.

Tuesday, 06 February 2018

Dear Sirs

**RE: DISCHARGE OF CONDITION 53 IN RELATION TO THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF LAND OFF CHURCH RAIKE, CHIPPING**

Condition 53 of Application 3/2016/0949 on the above site states:

*"Prior to the commencement of works for a parcel of land (as defined on Dwg No 05024\_MP\_00\_105) there shall be a repeat survey for evidence of badgers on the site and extended to include suitable habitat within 30m of the site boundaries. The report of the survey (together with proposals for mitigation/compensation, if required) shall be submitted to Ribble Valley Borough Council for approval. Any necessary and approved measures for the protection of badgers will be implemented in full within an agreed timetable."*

We can confirm that a survey of the site was undertaken by two ecologists from Envirotech NW Ltd on the 7<sup>th</sup> December 2016. Both surveyors have undertaken a large number of surveys for this species. During the surveys a check for signs of use by badger was made. Searches were made for badger runs, setts and feeding signs upto 30m from the site boundaries.

The survey did not return any evidence of use of the site by badgers and although potential habitats occur locally badgers have not been recorded within 30m of site boundaries.

It is considered that there is a very low risk of a disturbance to badgers occurring as a result of the proposals. Specific mitigation for this species is therefore not considered necessary.

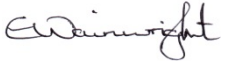


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As badgers are a highly mobile species, contractors should be observant for signs of use by the species. If there is subsequent concern that badgers may be utilising the site, works should halt and further advice should be sought.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Emma Wainwright', written in a cursive style.

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Ecologist