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Your Ref: 3/2016/0949  
Our Ref: 3756

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Dear Sirs

**RE: DISCHARGE OF CONDITION 50 IN RELATION TO THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF LAND OFF CHURCH RAIKE, CHIPPING**

Condition 50 of Application 3/2016/0949 on the above site states:

*“Immediately prior to commencement of works a further precautionary survey of the site and adjacent suitable habitat for evidence of Otter shall be carried out by an appropriately qualified person. If the survey reveals evidence of Otter then advice should be sought regarding the need for a Natural England licence.”*

We can confirm that a survey of the site was undertaken by an ecologist from Envirotech NW Ltd on the 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021. The surveyor has undertaken a large number of surveys for this species. During the surveys a check for signs of use by otters was made. Searches were made for otter runs, holts and feeding signs upto 30m from the site boundaries.

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

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




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



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