

Ecological Consultants Environmental and Rural Chartered Surveyors

Your Ref: 3/2016/0949

Our Ref: 3756

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Dear Sirs

RE: DISCHARGE OF CONDITION 54 IN RELATION TO THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF LAND OFF CHURCH RAIKE, CHIPPING

Condition 54 of Application 3/2016/0949 on the above site states:

"If works are to be carried out within 5m of the bank tops of suitable Water Vole habitat, a further precautionary survey for evidence of water voles shall be carried out immediately prior to commencement of works. The report of the survey (together with proposals for mitigation/compensation, if required) shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. Any identified necessary and approved measures for the protection of water voles shall thereafter be implemented in full."

We can confirm that a survey of the site was undertaken by an ecologists from Envirotech NW Ltd on the 4th May 2021.

A small stream runs up the side of the site. No indications of use by watervole were recorded.

No works should be undertaken within 5m of the banktops.

Contractors should be observant for signs of use by the species. If there is subsequent concern that watervole may be utilising the site, works should halt and further advice should be sought.

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