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Dear Paul,

RE: REDGATE LANE – ECOLOGICAL WALKOVER

An ecological walkover of the Redgate Lane site, Longsight, was undertaken on Monday 29th June 2009 by ecologist Christopher Barrett, AIEEM. The survey aimed to identify any feature of ecological value present on the site and any subsequent mitigation/offsetting measures that maybe required to maintain biodiversity interest.

Following the ecological walkover the site is considered to be of low ecological value. There is one large and several smaller patches of Japanese knotweed (*Fallopia japonica*) located on the site. These areas have been fenced off in preparation for there eradication measures.

There are also areas of scrub and trees predominantly associated with the site boundary. The trees have been subjected to a separate arboricultural report. The areas of scrub and trees provide potential for nesting birds. Under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, as amended, it is an offence to disturb a wild bird while it is at, on or building a nest or to injure or take any wild bird, nest or egg. Therefore, to mitigate for nesting birds trees and scrub should have necessary vegetation works carried out during autumn, winter or early spring (September – February inclusive) to avoid the bird nesting season. It is understood that this recommendation can be conditioned under the planning application.

No further habitats of features within the site were considered to be of biodiversity value or concern. Providing measures to avoid disturbance of nesting birds are implemented, no further ecological mitigation or offsetting measures are considered relevant at this site.

Yours sincerely

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