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For the Attention of: Georgina Blackburn

RE: COLLYHURST MARKETING SUITE – CONFIRMATION OF ECOLOGICAL SURVEY

Dear Georgina,

This letter has been produced by TEP in May 2022 to confirm that the proposed marketing suite of the Collyhurst Village development scheme, has been surveyed by TEP in 2020 and covered within the Ecological Assessment report 7998.007.

A Phase 1 habitat survey was carried out by Senior Ecologist Lizi Pimlott (ACIEEM, FISC Level 3) on 9th January 2020. The survey was carried out in accordance with the Phase 1 habitat assessment methods (JNCC 20101) and Guidelines for Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (CIEEM 20172). The method records the habitat types present within and immediately surrounding the site, based on the JNCC descriptions. Plant species were identified in accordance with Stace (2010) and recorded as target notes using the DAFOR scale. Due to the initial survey being undertaken outside of the optimal period an updated survey was undertaken by Graduate Ecologist Annabel Walker-Evans (QCIEEM, FISC Level 3) on 17th June 2020.

A ground level bat roost assessment of the trees on the site was also undertaken by Licensed Bat Ecologist Lizi Pimlott (Natural England Class 2 licence registration no. 2016-22843-CLS-CLS) on 9th January 2020. This assessment was undertaken in accordance with the Bat Conservation Trust (BCT) Good Practice Guidelines (Collins, 20163). All trees on site were considered to have negligible suitability for roosting bats.

There are no implications for the site proposals with regard to amphibians, badgers, invertebrates, otters, water voles or reptiles as these species are considered unlikely to be present on the site due to the lack of suitable habitat features. Full details of surveys methods and findings are provided within the ecological assessment report 7998.007. Foraging, commuting and roosting bats are unlikely to be impacted by the works due to the lack of suitable habitat features present on site and the small area of site within a residential area.

Although the original Ecological Assessment report covers a larger area of the Collyhurst development scheme, the conclusions and recommendations within the report are still relevant to the proposed marketing suite which was covered within the initial assessment. The site has now been cleared and remediated for development. Given the constraints associated with the



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small size of the application site, it is proposed that any loss in biodiversity units can be offset in the wider Collyhurst Village scheme (application reference: 129393/VO/2021).

Yours sincerely,



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