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To: Wells, Lesley
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Subject: APP/19/01226 | Construction of 44 dwellings with access, open space, landscaping and associated works. | Land west of Coldharbour Farm Road, Emsworth 20.1029

Dear Lesley,

APP/19/01226 | Construction of 44 dwellings with access, open space, landscaping and associated works. | Land west of Coldharbour Farm Road, Emsworth 20.1029

Thank you for consulting me on this application. Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding to you.

The application is accompanied by an amended Ecological Mitigation & Enhancement Statement (Lizard, June 2020). Some additional details have been provided following my previous comments.

The number of bat and bird boxes has increased by 2 and 6 respectively. Whilst modest, the increase is welcomed and accepted.

No further details have been provided on other queries related to public access to the flood alleviation area to the east and to sensitive lighting. Lighting can be addressed through condition (provision of a lighting contour plan). The issue of public access to the flood alleviation area would potentially affect the proposed wildlife benefits and it is not clear to me how, in the absence of any greenspace within the development itself, the proposed biodiversity value of the eastern section would not be impacted.

If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

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