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Plask for :- G Goodall

Our Ref :-

Your Ref :- N6/2010/0235/FP

Tel :- 01992 556155

Date :- 23/03/2010

Dear Lisa

**Planning Application: N6/2010/0235/FP; Bloody Hollow, Church Lane, Hatfield.
Use of land as a children's play area.**

**NOTABLY IMPORTANT SPECIES & HABITATS: BIODIVERSITY ASSESSMENT.
ELMAW Consulting. January 2010.**

An assessment of the site was carried out in January 2010.

Results:

- The site contains habitats that are suitable for Hedgehogs.
- Scrub and woodland adjacent to the site have the potential to support reptiles.
- The site contains habitats that probably support breeding birds.

Recommendations:

- No further surveys required.
- No compensatory measures required.

HBRC ADVICE AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

The following should be attached as conditions in the event of planning permission being granted.

1. Hedgehogs.

Prior to any works starting, including site and ground clearance, a hand search should be conducted for Hedgehogs by a qualified ecologist. If animals are found, they will be relocated to a safe area.

2. Reptiles.

Prior to any works starting, including site and ground clearance, a hand search should be conducted for reptiles by a qualified ecologist. If animals are found, they will be relocated to a safe area.

3. Breeding birds.

Site clearance, scrub and tree removal will be conducted during the months of November-January inclusive, to minimise any potential impact on breeding birds.

Yours sincerely,

Graham Goodall CEnv. MIEEM
Senior Ecologist

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