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For the Attention of: Stuart Corrigan

Dear Stuart

**LINGLONGS LANE, WHALEY BRIDGE ENABLING WORKS, TREE FELLING SUPERVISION
& NESTING BIRD CHECK**

This document was produce to discharge Condition 20 of the discharge of conditions application DOC/2017/0071.

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Condition 20. No tree/shrub clearance works shall be carried out on the site between 1st March and 31st August inclusive, unless the site is surveyed beforehand for breeding birds and a scheme to protect breeding birds is submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority such a scheme is submitted and approved the development shall thereafter only be carried out in accordance with the approved scheme.

Reason: - Such conditions are to be used to ensure that breeding birds are protected from harm during construction. All British birds, their nests and eggs (with certain limited exceptions) are protected by Section 1 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, as amended.

Protection of potential Nesting Areas

Heras fencing to be installed around the perimeter of site and all trees during construction works. To prevent access by contractors during the nesting season and also protect trees which are to be retained. Nesting birds will be included in the tool box talk to site contactors. Some areas of habitats within the site and may not require fencing, however if works are to proceed an inspection will be required.

Access to bird nesting habitat will be prevent unless prior knowledge Ecological Clerk of Works (ECoW).



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Nesting Bird Check

If tree removal or vegetation clearance is to take place between the nesting bird season of March – August inclusively, all suitable vegetation and trees that require felling or clearance will be inspected from ground level, from a number of locations. Features will be observed for a minimum of half an hour at each vantage point or until occupation status can be established. All inspection for nesting birds will be carried out by a suitable qualified ecologist with ornithological knowledge. If nests cannot be checked from ground then these may require further inspection. However this will be minimal so not to cause disturbance

If no active nests are found during the visit, trees and vegetation within that area should be removed within 24 hours of the nesting bird survey to ensure that no nests are built in the intervening period. If birds are found to be nesting then the tree(s) area of vegetation where the nest is will have to remain in place until the young have fledged and left the nest.

Reasonable Avoidance Measures Method Statement

If birds are found to be nesting in any of the affected trees or vegetation within the site, a buffer zone (dependent on species) will need to be set up around the nest, within which no works can take place. This would result in a delay to works depending on proposed works in the vicinity of the nest. The nest will require return monitoring visits to check the nesting status. Once activity at nest has finished further advice will be given on how to proceed. It is also recommended that any brash piles/wood from felling activities are chipped on site or removed from site to avoid providing further refuge opportunities for birds or other wildlife. If for any reason the vegetation/trees cannot be removed within a 24 hour period then further survey will be required.

I trust that these proposals meet with your approval. If you have any queries about this quotation or the scope of proposed work please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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