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For the attention of Rachael Simpkin

Your ref: DOC/2022/0046

Our ref: DWTHPK507-4

17th October 2022

Dear Rachael

Proposal: Approval of details reserved by condition in relation to application HPK/2018/0143. Condition 3. Boundary treatment plans and illustrative section plans.

Location: Land At, Forge Road, Chinley, Derbyshire

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With reference to the above application, I am responding as the Biodiversity Planning Officer responsible for work relating to the Service Level Agreement, which the High Peak Borough Council and the Trust have signed. The following comments are aimed at providing accurate and up to date information on the nature conservation issues associated with the proposed development.



Response

We note the hedgehog gaps in the gardens fences, clearly marked on the various boundary treatment plans.

These gaps are currently 150 mm x 150 mm. We typically recommend 130 mm x 130 mm for hedgehog gaps, in line with the Hedgehog Preservation Society and People's Trust for Endangered Species. If the gaps are too large, homeowners with small pets may decide to block them up entirely. We advise that 130 mm x 130 mm should be specified on the plans. The condition can then be discharged.

It is hoped that the information provided is helpful to the Council. If you require any further information or wish to discuss any of the comments made, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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Biodiversity Planning Officer

Endnote:

Please see our planning pages <https://www.derbyshirewildlifetrust.org.uk/planning> for ecological advice on submitting a planning application, finding an ecological consultant and information on mitigation and enhancement.