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For the attention of Rachael Simpkin

Your Ref: HPK/2024/0034

Our ref: DWTHPK562-3a

7th November 2024

Dear Rachael,

Proposal: Variation of condition 2 relating to HPK/2020/0201

Location: Land Adjacent to The Haulage Yard Buxton Road Furness Vale

Application Ref No: HPK/2024/0034

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 have reviewed a copy of the report titled 'Discharge of Condition 16 HPK/2020/0201' produced by Rachel Hacking Ecology in October 2024. This explains that the mound supporting the mammal holes in 2019 has not been re-located over the intervening years. This may be due



to the dense scrub cover on site or it may have collapsed. It should be noted that the holes were described as disused at the time of the 2019 survey and the condition was a precautionary measure in case they became active.

The report advises that Reasonable Avoidance Measures are implemented during vegetation clearance, which we support. It states that if mammal holes are found, works must stop and advice obtained from an ecologist. We would advise that if this happens, then monitoring with camera traps may be beneficial to determine use, as per the condition wording. If no holes are found, then no camera trapping is required.

We advise that the condition can 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.