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Comments: Dear HPBC,

Informed by other online comments and wider consultation, we would like to offer further comment on this application.

We note that an earlier planning application (2022/0468) which in part, is applicable to the current application, does not contain a PEAR or any other ecological consultation, again the application form for this application is also onerous. Had any ecological information been submitted, it would by now be time expired and the applicant required to submit up to date ecological information.

We also note that HPBC seem to have failed to consult with statutory consultees such as Natural England and the Environment Agency on the current application. We have a copy of an email from Natural England to HPBC in 2022 warning of potential impact on specially protected species in the locality of the current application site. Given the information contained in the NE document, possibly HPBC should explain why they currently appear to be acting recklessly in breach of mandatory process and environmental legislation.

Having read the limited Waley Bridge Town Council comments on the current application, there is no available evidence online of them complying with their Legal Role under mandatory environmental law; something that may be of interest at least to some residents of the town. The discussion around this application should be minuted, and the minutes should record why councillors in their deliberations did not consider the errors in the documentation supplied by HPBC to them. The Town Council has a significant role in the implementation of environmental law and targets.

The obvious need for housing (affordable) is not disputed.

Kind regards,

Tom Fairfield and Ali Torpey.

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