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For the attention of Sarah Pearce

Your Ref: AVA/2022/0067

Our ref: DWTAVA1634

14th April 2022

Dear Sarah

Proposal: Outline application for erection of 5 dwellings.

Location: Land Off Claxton Street Claxton Street Heanor Derbyshire

Application Ref No: AVA/2022/0067

Thank you for consulting the Derbyshire Wildlife Trust with regard to the above planning application. I am responding as the Biodiversity Planning Officer responsible for work relating to the Service Level Agreement, which Amber Valley 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.

It would appear that no ecological information has been submitted with the application. We are aware that the site comprises semi-natural habitats including grassland, scrub and trees, which based on the submitted Indicative Site Plan will be lost to the proposed development. This constitutes a clear net loss of biodiversity contrary to the environmental dimension of sustainable



development as set out in the National Planning Policy Framework which seeks to achieve a measurable net biodiversity gain from development.

The site also has potential to support protected and priority species, including [redacted] reptiles and hedgehog.

We therefore advise that an Ecological Assessment of the site is required to include a Biodiversity Impact Assessment using the Defra Metric 3.0 calculator tool which needs to demonstrate how a net gain in biodiversity will be achieved.

Overall, there is insufficient information on biodiversity to enable the LPA to determine the application in confidence that biodiversity net gain will be achieved and that the proposal accords with legislation and policies relating to biodiversity.

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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