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Ref: 2020 Springfield Road NMA

Dear Gavin,

**PLANNING APPLICATION 11/00579/DPP: SPRINGFIELD ROAD, NON-MATERIAL AMENDMENT COVERING LANDSCAPE AND BIODIVERSITY ENHANCEMENTS**

The following is a response to sections 5 and 8 for the application for modification or discharge of planning conditions in respect of application no 11/00579/DPP and land adjacent to Springfield Road.

*5. Please provide a brief description of the development and the relationship of the Applicant to the land to which the Planning Obligation relates:*

The land was purchased by the Applicant and incorporated as an agricultural unit of Springfield Farm. Since the 20<sup>th</sup> of December 2019 the land has been utilised for grazing. Prior to purchase the land was utilised for Barley and having been dormant for nearly a decade much of its ecological value had been lost. It is the applicant's intention to implement an updated biodiversity scheme equal to that approved with the application 11/00579/DPP and discharge condition 4 as a non-material variation.

*8. Outline below which parts of the Planning Obligation you wish modified or discharged and what changes you wish made, giving full reasons why the application is being made.*

The application is being made to outline changes to the approved Biodiversity Enhancement Proposals as per condition 4 of application 11/00579/DPP:

4. The Landscape and Biodiversity Enhancement Proposals shall be fully implemented within nine months of the completion of the development, and thereafter shall be maintained by the applicants and/or their successors; maintenance shall include the replacement of plant stock which fails to survive, for whatever reason, as often as is required for the first 5 years from the completion of the enhancement proposals, to ensure their establishment.

The updated Biodiversity Scheme and subsequent changes are summarised below and illustrated in the attached drawing 2020SF-SK02 Biodiversity Scheme Plan:

Original Proposal	2020 Proposal
(a) Woodland Creation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Specification as per the original proposal. <i>PROTECTION CHANGES</i></li> <li>• Extents limited to south western boundary only.</li> <li>• Native woodland creation is limited to the south western boundary of the land with a 15m strip of native broadleaved woodland to be created adjacent to the existing field boundary. Woodland proposed to the north western and north eastern boundaries in the original</li> </ul>



	application shall be replaced by Hedge and Hedgerow Tree Planting as per (c)
(b) Woodland Management	No Change
(c) Hege and Hedgerow Tree Establishment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Specification as per original proposal.</li> <li>• Native hedge planting is extended in scope to include the northwest, northeast and southeast boundaries of the field (Hawthorn, Blackthorn, Dog Rose, Hazel, Holly).</li> </ul>
(d) Tree Removal	No Change
(e) Wetland Management	No Change
(f) Wetland Scrapes	No Change
(g) Grassland Management	No Change
(h) Dry Stand Dyke Repair	No Change

AS PER DETAIL IN EMAIL

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries. Regards



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