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Our Ref. WAC.PS.10059  
BBV Doc Ref : 1MC08-BBV\_MSD-PL-CRO-NS01\_NL03-100055  
For the attention of: Mike Blissett / Lucy Shorthouse

Dear Mike / Lucy

**HIGH SPEED RAIL (LONDON – WEST MIDLANDS) ACT 2017  
SUBMISSION NO: WAC.P.S.10059: WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCIL: A46 KENILWORTH  
BYPASS OVERBRIDGE: CONSULTATION ON INDICATIVE MITIGATION PROPOSALS:  
LANDSCAPE AND ECOLOGY**

Further to our request for the approval of plans and specifications for the construction of A46 Kenilworth Bypass Overbridge under Schedule 17 of the High Speed Rail (London – West Midlands) Act 2017 (WAC.PS.10059), HS2 Ltd is writing to you regarding indicative mitigation information plans which were provided to the authority with the request.

The indicative mitigation shown does not require approval to plans and specifications under paragraphs 2 or 3 to Schedule 17 and does not form part of the request for approval HS2 Consents ID: WAC.PS.10059.

However, the mitigation planting shown on drawing Ref: 1MC08-BBV\_MSD-PL-DGA-NS01\_NL03-140604 will comprise part of the overall mitigation scheme in relation to the following scheduled works:

- *Work No. 2/146 - A railway (21.57 kilometres in length) partly in tunnel and partly on viaduct commencing by a junction with the termination of Work No. 2/133 and passing north-westwards and terminating at a point 270 metres north-west of the bridge carrying Waste Lane over Kenilworth Greenway. Work No. 2/146 includes*

*viaducts over the River Leam, Finham Brook and Work No. 2/175 and bridges over the Grand Union Canal, Work No. 2/151 and the River Avon.*

Further mitigation works will be brought forward by HS2's main works contractor, where necessary, and a request for approval to the overall mitigation scheme for the above scheduled works will be submitted prior to the request to bring into use the scheduled work, in accordance with paragraph 9(4)(b) to Schedule 17. Further information is provided in Planning Forum Note 10.

We wish to consult the Council on mitigation proposals on a progressive basis, to ensure its views are taken into account prior to the bringing into use request. We therefore request that you review the planting proposals shown on Ref: 1MC08-BBV\_MSD-PL-DGA-NS01\_NL03-140604 and provide any comment in writing.

Key design features of the mitigation proposals are set out below:

### **Landscape**

Landscape mitigation includes proposed road embankments at circa 1:2.5 gradient, sown with low maintenance grassland for ease of maintenance on steep slopes. All other planting is associated with the Glasshouse Wood Cutting asset through which the A46 bisects. Planting within Glasshouse Wood Cutting, near to the A46 overbridge comprises native woodland, shrub and hedgerow using species characteristic of the local area.

### **Ecology**

Mitigation associated with the asset will comprise the retention of important hedgerows bordering Kenilworth Golf Course and the A46. Further habitat creation will be associated with the adjacent Glasshouse Wood Cutting asset.

Mitigation will be provided in the form of bat box installation and woodland, woodland edge and hedgerow planting in the adjacent Glasshouse Wood Cutting to provide suitable habitat for bats and to direct bats to safe crossing points under the raised River Avon and Finham Brook viaducts in the wider area.

Mitigation for badger in the form of woodland, woodland edge and grassland planting along with crossing points under the raised Finham Brook and River Avon viaducts and the Ashow Road Underpass is associated with adjacent assets.

Should you have no objections to the mitigation planting proposals, please would you indicate this in your response. Any comment made at this stage on the mitigation proposal will be

without prejudice to the Council's determination of the future request for approval to the mitigation scheme for the above scheduled works. However, the advice will inform pre-submission discussions for such approvals and will be submitted with or referred to in requests for approval.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further, please contact Lindsay Yeomans.

Yours faithfully,

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