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Dear Sam

**Re: DC/26/0266 - Thakeham Mushrooms, Storrington Road,
Management of BNG Land**

Further to our recent discussions, I am writing to provide further clarification regarding the future management of the Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) land at the Former Thakeham Mushroom Site, Thakeham.

Bellway has agreed with Thakeham Parish Council (TPC) that they will undertake all works required to deliver the BNG uplift for all of the land within the application boundary. It is proposed that these works will be undertaken on the 'L' shaped land to the north of the proposed residential development.

Once the works are complete and the BNG has been established, the 'L' shaped land will be transferred to TPC who will then be responsible for the management and maintenance of the BNG for a period of not less than 30 years. TPC will also be responsible for the required monitoring and reporting of the BNG to the Council in the normal way.

Having reflected on the points raised in our recent discussions, Bellway propose to assist with the funding of the required monitoring of the BNG land annually from years 1-5, then every 5 years up until year 30. A total monitoring contribution of £30,000 over the 30-year period is proposed. TPC will be responsible for any other costs associated with monitoring and reporting works. These arrangements will be secured through the Heads of Terms agreed between Bellway Homes (Strategic) and Thakeham Parish Council, providing a clear mechanism for the long-term management and monitoring of the BNG land.

Separately, through their commercial agreement with TPC, Bellway will retain appropriate step-in rights in the event that the BNG land is not managed in accordance with the agreed requirements, or where remedial works are required to ensure that the relevant biodiversity objectives are achieved.

We trust that the above provides the required clarification and reassurance regarding the long-term management and monitoring of the BNG land.

Yours sincerely

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