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Ref: DF/BHS/SW/RF01

Dear Robert,

RE: DC/19/2464 LAND WEST OF WORTHING ROAD (PHASE 5), SOUTHWATER

Further to our recent conversation, I have reviewed the comments submitted by Place Services in respect to the above application (dated 6th June 2025). Within their submission, Places Services request further information on the reptile survey undertaken across the Site in 2024. Partial results of the survey were presented in The Ecological Assessment submitted with the application (Derek Finnie Associates, Report Ref: DFA24061V3). However, due to the timing of the submission, full results were not available. Therefore, as requested by Place Services, I have presented the full results in the following sections.

Methodology

The methodology employed throughout the survey is the same as that presented in Section 3.4 of Ecological Assessment (Derek Finnie Associates, Report Ref: DFA24061V3) hence is not repeated here. The survey visits were completed on the dates shown in Table 1.

Table 1. Dates and weather condition for each survey visit.

Visit No.	Date	Weather
1	29/05/24	12°C, sunny, 1/8 cloud
2	06/06/24	13°C, partially sunny, 6/8 cloud
3	12/06/24	15°C, sunny, 2/8 cloud
4	12/07/24	16°C, sunny, 4/8 cloud
5	21/07/24	13°C, sunny, 2/8cloud
6	06/08/24	14°C, sunny, no cloud
7	02/09/24	17°C, sunny, 1/8 cloud



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Results

The results of the survey are shown in Table 2. It appears there is a small population of slow worm and common lizard present within the Phase 5 area.

Table 2. Reptiles Surveys Results from 2024.

Visit No.	Date	Grass snake			Slow worm			Common lizard		
		M	F	SA	M	F	SA	M	F	SA
1	29/05/24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	06/06/24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3	12/06/24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4	12/07/24	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
5	21/07/24	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	-
6	06/08/24	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
7	02/09/24	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	2	1

Discussion

It appears a small population of both slow worm and common lizard have recolonised the Site, or were perhaps overlooked during the original translocation exercise. Given the low numbers encountered, the implementation of a Reasonable Avoidance Method Statement prior to construction should be sufficient to ensure the safeguarding of individual reptiles within the Site.

I hope you find this useful, but if you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

For and on behalf of Derek Finnie Associates Ltd.



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