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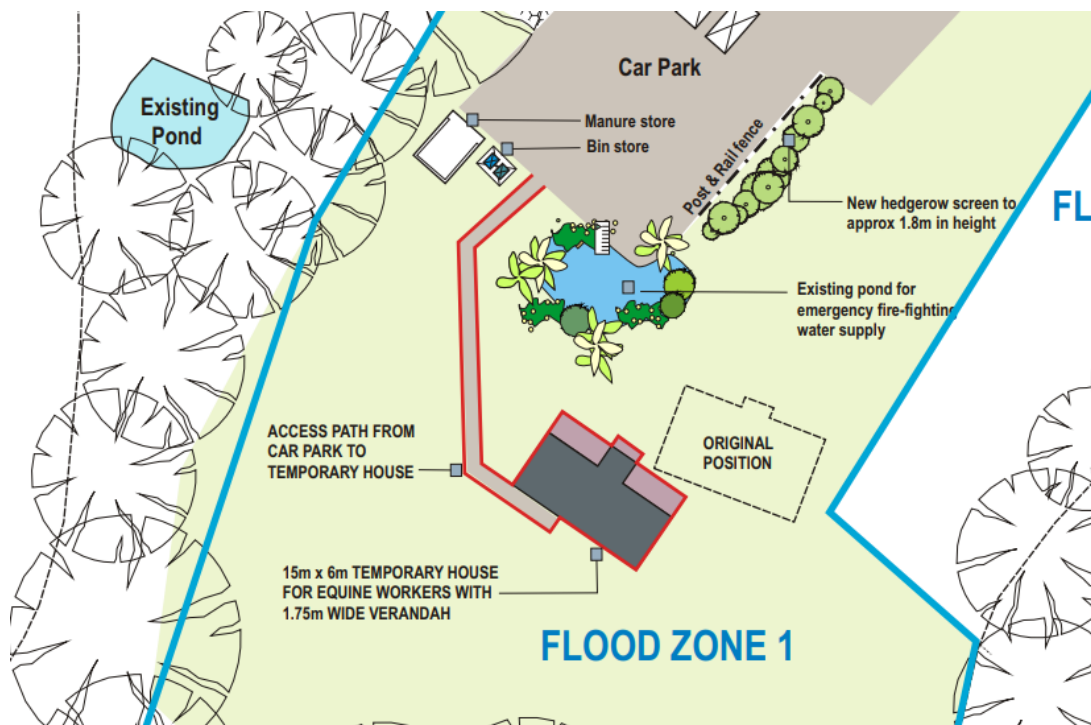
Dear Stephanie

**Lizard Landscape Design and Ecology – Ecological Consultancy Services
Limekiln Farm, Broadwater Lane, Copsale, West Sussex
Preliminary Ecological Appraisal Survey Update**

Introduction

Lizard Landscape Design and Ecology have been contacted to provide an addendum to an ecology report produced in 2023, to confirm its validity to support a new planning application with the same landholding.

We understand that proposals are for temporary accommodation for equine workers, measuring 15x6m, as shown below.



Methodology

The updated field survey was undertaken on 19th of May 2026 by Catherine O'Reilly (MCIEEM, 12 years professional experience). Weather conditions were warm (c.15°C), with a light south-easterly wind (Beaufort Scale 2) and occasional light rain.

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The field survey comprised a walkover inspection of the site and immediately adjacent land and boundary features, in which ecological features were recorded in accordance with principles of the UKHabs-Professional Classification System (Butcher et al, 2023).

Potential habitat for protected species was assessed, including completion of a ground level assessment of adjacent trees and HSI assessment of adjacent ponds. The results were compared with that of the 2023 survey (LLD2894-ECO-REP-001-00-EcIA) to confirm whether or not the report remains valid.

Results – Habitats

The previously consented application is currently under construction, with the new pond and car park areas having been completed.

The new pond holds very little water (<10cm) with no marginal or aquatic vegetation present. The area immediately surrounding the pond appears to have been seeded with an amenity / pasture grass mix and is dominated by perennial rye-grass. This habitat is of site value.



Image 01 – View across the proposed location looking south-west and south (right).

A post and wire fence separates the pond area from the proposed site of the temporary dwelling.

The proposed footprint of the new dwelling is located with a small paddock currently grazed by alpacas. The sward in this area was c. 10cm in length and is dominated by common bent with frequent white clover and dense stands of common nettle. The grassland is species-poor and is considered to be of site value.

A single large oak tree is present within the paddock area, while the western boundary of the paddock comprises a mature ash and oak treeline. These trees are of local value.

A small pond c. 100m2 (which was dry at the time of the updated survey) is present within the wooded area to the south-west of the access track. The pond is heavily shaded with extensive leaf litter and fallen deadwood present within the water. The pond does not meet priority criteria and is considered to be of site value.

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Results – Protected Species

Adjacent ponds were either newly created or highly ephemeral and as such provide negligible suitable habitat for breeding amphibians.



Image 02 – Adjacent woodland pond (left) and newly created pond (right)

Habitats on site consist of grazed grassland which provides sub-optimal habitat for species such as reptiles and amphibians. Habitats within the red line boundary are of negligible value to these species.

A large fallen tree trunk surrounded by dense nettle was noted to the north-east of the red line boundary of this application. This feature could provide some suitable habitat for reptile, amphibian, invertebrates and small mammals.

The mature oak tree within the paddock area contained a barn owl box. The area beneath the box was examined for any indication of its active use such as pellets or white washing; no signs of occupation were recorded. No suitable habitat for ground nesting birds was recorded within the red line boundary or immediately adjacent land.



Image 03 – Oak tree with barn owl box (left) and adjacent tree line (right) with fallen tree circled.

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Many of the surrounding trees, including the mature oak and treeline to the west, contained various potential roost features suitable for supporting bat roosts throughout the year. A small, dilapidated field shelter is present to the northern margin of the paddock area which offers negligible bat roost suitability.

Mitigation

Proposed mitigation measures within the original EclA report remain valid and appropriate for this application.

Additionally, should the fallen tree trunk require removal, this shall be done with care using the lightest machinery possible. Given the known presence of great crested newt locally, works to remove this (if required) shall be completed under ecological supervision and shall avoid the hibernation season of November – February inclusive. The deadwood should be retained on site in a location adjacent to the existing treeline. Any stag beetle larva etc which should be found shall be relocated alongside the woodpile.

Conclusion

Habitats on site remain similar to those identified during the 2023 survey period with the exception of the adjacent car park, pond and stables which are under construction.

No new constraints with regards to protected species were recorded and the mitigation specified within the original survey report remains valid and appropriate for this application.

Yours sincerely,

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