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Good morning,

Please find attached an agreed record of engagement, and an extract of the relevant draft planning conditions which have been amended to require consultation with Natural England.

The following is a summary of Natural England's position in relation to the Cambourne to Cambridge Scheme:

1. Following receipt of further information from the Applicant, Natural England is satisfied that the Applicant has given sufficient regard to:
 - the identification of foraging areas and the potential for Coton Orchard County Wildlife Site (CWS) to be a valuable foraging habitat; and
 - the assessment of impacts on bats
2. Natural England agree that collision risk in respect of bats is acceptable subject to securing appropriate mitigation. Natural England are content with the mitigation proposed at this stage, notably the mitigation to be employed where bats may cross the scheme, however, Natural England require to be consulted on the final design of mitigation to be applied (i.e. at detailed design stage), particularly in relation to lighting, noise, and landscape treatments, as well as on the adoption of an appropriate Bat Monitoring Strategy.
3. The final design of the mitigation to be employed will be informed by the results of the thermal imaging surveys, and it has been agreed that Natural England will be consulted on the final design of the bat mitigation.
4. Planning conditions have been drafted by the Applicant and Natural England to secure the mitigation required.
5. Given the low risk of collision, the scheme should not materially add to existing levels of natural and anthropogenic mortality or compromise the Favourable Conservation Status of the Eversden & Wimpole Woods SAC. Natural England are therefore able to conclude that, provided the necessary mitigation measures are implemented, there would be no adverse effect on the integrity of the Eversden & Wimpole Woods SAC as a result of the Scheme.

Kind regards,
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