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**PLANNING APPLICATION REFERENCE 2021/90019 AT LAND SOUTH OF HELME LANE ,
MELTHAM, HD9 – LANDSCAPING & ECOLOGICAL CONSULTEE RESPONSES**

Dear Christopher

I am writing to you in response to your email dated 1st March 2021 and our email dated 18/03/2021, in order to clarify the amendments that have been made to the landscaping information, subsequent to the comments received from the Landscaping and Ecological Consultee's. There have been four amendments made in total as described below:

1. The hedge line to the south of the site has been removed due to an in-situ concrete wall being required as per the S38 requirements for retaining the highway. The suitable soil remaining in this location above the wall, was not deep enough to receive the original specified planting, (circa 75-100mm), due to the shallow depth of the concrete retaining element below. Therefore the hedge was removed and re-located due to the probability of its failure and to increase the likelihood of the hedge's survival.
2. The landscaping layout has been updated to incorporate a hedge line landscaping buffer between the pumping station and the PROW. This will both increase the public's views from the PROW and will also help to compensate for the loss of the hedge to the south of the site above the retaining wall.
3. Further hedge line has been included in the POS area around the pumping station to accommodate for the loss of the hedge above the retaining wall. This not only improves the views from within the site but also increases the proposed habitat for wildlife, from that of the original application.
4. Wild flowers have been proposed in the area around the pumping station rather than the managed grassed area in the previous landscaping plan. These have been added as per the Consultee's summary of the landscaping plan and we agree to meet these requirements to increase the potential habitat for wildlife

Yours Faithfully,

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