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Hi Richard,

Further to the below, our ecologists have undertaken a badger survey and report at the site which I attach for comments.

As demonstrated by the report, given the topography of the land, which is very steeply sloping, The ecologists consider it very unlikely that the badgers would burrow back and under the site. There is a drainage ditch, which was holding small puddles of water along the site boundary too, so again this makes it even more unlikely that the badgers would create tunnels under the site, where it is more wet. If they had tunnels in the direction of the site, we would also expect to find sett entrances on the site, which was also ruled out.

Accordingly, our ecologists consider that the layout can be kept as is subject a requirement to conduct any construction works within 20m of the sett under a precautionary working method statement. This would involve excavations being undertaken under the supervision of an Ecological Clerk of Works. In the highly unlikely event that any badger tunnels are found during the works, the works would have to stop immediately and a licence sought from Natural England.

We look forward to receiving your comments on this as soon as you are able.

Kind regards,

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