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Memorandum: Lisnabreeny Road Tree and Hedgerow Removal & Article 6, Application

From: [REDACTED]

To: [REDACTED]

Re: Vegetation Removal 2021 / Article 6 Application

Date: 10/10/21

Dear [REDACTED]

Thanks for your recent telephone conversation and email concerning compliance with wildlife statutes which are central to the project

As you will be aware, we are required to ensure that no birds are breeding or bat in areas where vegetation is to be removed. The bird breeding season has ended, and I can confirm, having visited the site on 03/10/21 that no birds are currently nesting or breeding on there site, therefore the Hedgerows can be removed in compliance with current wildlife protection statutes.

In relation to the trees, all were inspected visually with the aid of a cherry picker on 04/10/21 and no were found to have potential roost features. Photographs of each hedge surveyed are provided overleaf.

I can confirm the following.

- No evidence of active or historic bird nests were observed in any tree or hedgerow intended for removal.
- No observations of birds carrying out behaviours associated with breeding were observed on or around any tree or hedgerow intended for removal.
- In addition, it is confirmed that all trees proposed for removal are of negligible potential for use by roosting bats.
- Inspection of the stream indicated that there are not suitable gravel ribbles or flows suitable for spawning fish. Water velocity was such that there is no likelihood of newts being present in the stream. No fish were observed during inspections. The CIRIA Culvert design and operation guide (C689), is appended to this document. It is confirmed that the application of the principles therein will be sufficient to eliminate any downstream siltation impacts and result in not net ecological loss.

In consequence there is no significant likelihood that the proposed hedgerow removals and culverting will breach any wildlife protection legislation.

Please do not hesitate to contact me is you have any further questions.

Best Regards,

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