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Annwyl Syr/Madam / Dear Sir/Madam,

PARTIAL DISCHARGE OF CONDITION 05 (OTTER MITIGATION) OF PLANNING PERMISSION 13/1279 FOR DEVELOPMENT OF 251 DWELLINGS AND ASSOCIATED WORKS INCLUDING BOUNDARY TREATMENTS, RETAINING WALLS, VEHICULAR ACCESS, PARKING, PATHWAYS AND LANDSCAPING AFFECTING PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY 407/1 AT LAND TO SOUTH OF GLAN USK PRIMARY SCHOOL, HERBERT ROAD, NEWPORT.

Thank you for consulting us on the above discharge of conditions application, which we received on the 21 February 2017. We have reviewed the following information:

- 'Land at Herbert Road, Newport - Otter Mitigation Strategy' prepared by David Clements Ecology Ltd. dated February 2017.

We require further information as outlined below, until we received this information we are unable to recommend the discharge of the above condition.

- We note that the otter mitigation strategy report describes the area where fencing is to be erected in section 2.1. However no habitat/vegetation survey has been provided. We would require further information prior to the discharge of condition.
- Welcome the proposal to provide a 1.5 m high fence 90m long with two 15m returns to the river (section 2.2). We note it should be demonstrated that the fence should be otter proof – i.e. angled towards the river along the top, to reduce likelihood of otters climbing over onto the development site side.

- The report only refers to maintenance of the otter holt, which will comprise of yearly inspections over 10 years. We require further details of who will complete this work.
- We would also wish to see commitments to inspection and maintenance of the fence and the vegetation within the otter mitigation area.
- We also note there is no reference to treatment of Japanese Knotweed, or the planting of new vegetation (replanting gaps with native thorny trees and shrubs) within the submitted information. We would request information be provided.

We would require clarification of the above prior to the discharge of Condition 5 (Otter Mitigation)

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yn gywir / Yours faithfully

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