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PLANNING APPLICATION REF: 20230438
LAND ADJ. TO NO.4 CHALK PIT COTTAGES, GREEN FARM LANE, SHORNE, DA12 3HN

We are in receipt of a response from Gravesham Borough Council dated 20th June 2023 which sets out reasons for the refusal of the current Planning Application. This Statement addresses the ecological issues that were identified by Kent County Council within this refusal.

Protected Species Assessment

We attach an Ecological Impact Assessment for the Site, which addresses the development impact upon the Site ecology and surrounding areas of nature conservation interest.

No resident reptile population was detected during heat trap surveys on this Site, and Badger and Hazel Dormouse were also determined to be absent.

Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG)

The previous BNG calculation has been updated using the newer DEFRA Biodiversity Metric Version 4.0, and a revised BNG Statement is also attached.

We trust that this has addressed the points that were raised in the refusal and understand these documents will be submitted as part of the Planning Application.

Yours sincerely,

Ashley Leftwich
Director