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Dear Ray,

Moor Lane, Woking, Surrey - Ecological Appraisal

As instructed, I visited the site on 9 March 2009 and undertook a walkover to identify any ecological issues relating to protected habitats and species that could potentially be impacted upon by the proposed scheme.

From your brief, the scheme involves constructing two new access roads at Westfield, Woking, Surrey (centred on grid ref: TQ 004 563). The northern proposed access road will run south off Balfour Avenue for approximately 49m before turning east for approximately 61m into Oaklands Nursery (horse paddocks) while the southern road will run south off Westfield Way for approximately 57m turning southeast for approximately 62m into a large field grazed by sheep. Both roads initially have to cut through woodland habitats that form part of Westfield Common SNCI (see Map 1).

The two proposed roads are to provide access to a future residential development on the land north of Moor Lane that will provide 190 affordable rented homes on a mixed tenure development of approximately 470 homes.

Given the small scale of the proposed access roads, there are unlikely to be any significant ecological impacts extending beyond the footprint of the scheme. The features below have been assessed for their likely ecological value (where appropriate) and further recommendations or actions given:



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