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Dear Ms Smith,

**Environmental Impact Assessment Screening consultation: Request for screening opinion under Regulation 6 of the Town and Country Planning Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations 2017 for the redevelopment of the site including the demolition and rebuild of Plots A and F and one to three storey roof extensions on Plots B2, E and J to provide c.13,000 sqm of commercial office floorspace with ancillary supporting uses and landscaping works**

**Location:** Highgate Studios NW5 1TL

Thank you for your consultation on the above dated 15 March 2023 which was received by Natural England on the same date.

Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.

**It is Natural England's advice, on the basis of the material supplied with the consultation, that significant effects on statutorily designated nature conservation sites or landscapes are unlikely.**

Schedule 3(2) of the Town & Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 requires consideration of the selection criteria for Schedule 2 EIA development and identification of 'environmental sensitivity'.

The proposed development is not located within or partly within any Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), Special Area of Conservation (SAC), Special Protection Area (SPA) or Ramsar Site and is not likely to significantly affect the notified interest features of such sites. The proposal is not located within or partly within a National Park, Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty or Heritage Coast and is unlikely to impact upon the purposes for which these areas are designated or defined.

Natural England does not hold information on the location of significant populations of protected species, so is unable to advise whether this proposal is likely to affect protected species to such an

extent as to require an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). The developer must provide sufficient information for your authority to assess whether protected species are likely to be affected and, if so, whether appropriate avoidance, mitigation, or compensation measures can be put in place. Further information is included in Natural England's [standing advice](#) on protected species.

Furthermore, Natural England does not routinely maintain locally specific data on all environmental assets. This development proposal may have environmental impacts on priority species and/or habitats, local wildlife sites, soils and best and most versatile agricultural land, or on local landscape character that may be sufficient to warrant an EIA. Information on ancient woodland, ancient and veteran trees is set out in Natural England/Forestry Commission [standing advice](#).

We therefore recommend that advice is sought from your ecological, landscape and soils advisers, local record centre, recording society or wildlife body on the local soils, best and most versatile agricultural land, landscape, geodiversity and biodiversity receptors that may be affected by the proposed development before determining whether an EIA is necessary.

Should you determine that an EIA is not required in this case, you should still ensure that the application is supported by sufficient biodiversity, landscape and other environmental information in order for you to assess the weight to give these material considerations when determining the planning application.

Should the proposal be amended in a way which significantly affects its impact on the natural environment then, in accordance with Section 4 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006, Natural England should be consulted again.

Please note that this response relates only to the EIA screening consultation. Natural England may wish to provide advice should your authority consult us on any subsequent planning application. Guidance on when to consult Natural England is [here](#).

Please send any new consultations, or any further information on this consultation to: [consultations@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:consultations@naturalengland.org.uk).

Yours sincerely,

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