

James Blake Associates Ltd

Our Ref: JBA 10/35 ECO-12 GP

27<sup>th</sup> July 2018

Dear Mr Jones,

## RE: The Progress of Ecological Works at Gondar Gardens, West Hampstead.

To accompany the application submitted to Camden Borough Council concerning the development of the land at Gondar Gardens, this letter is intended to provide information on the progress of Ecological surveys on site. Enclosed is information on completed surveys, the status of ongoing surveys, and rough timescales for the following reports.

To date, the following updated surveys have been completed:

- Updated Phase 1 Habitat survey (20<sup>th</sup> July 2018)
- Internal Inspection of Reservoir (13<sup>th</sup> July 2018)

Below are listed the current surveys in progress with an approximate completion time:

- Updated Reptile survey (August 2018)
- Updated Breeding Birds survey (August 2018)
- Updated Bat Activity survey (October 2018) may be extended to 2019 by request from the LPA

Following recommendations made in the Updated Phase 1 Habitat survey report, and the results of the above surveys once completed, the following reports will be compiled to address the necessary mitigation and enhancement measures, and issued once the informing surveys are completed:

- Updated Reptile Mitigation Strategy and Method Statement
- Updated Ecological Action Plan

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The mitigation and enhancement recommendations detailed in the above reports will also inform the Landscape Scheme and Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP). The above reports are intended to mitigate for any impact of the development on the site, and enhance the site to produce an overall net gain of biodiversity, as well as maintain the sites Grade 2 SINC status.

Yours sincerely,

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