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Dear Mr Maxwell,

Completion of Reptile translocation – 24 to 30 Manor Close, Gardener Street, Portslade

Slow worms were recorded on site during initial survey work at the site. Condition 03 of planning permission AWDM/0756/18, states:

"Prior to the commencement of works on-site a suitable receptor site for slow worms shall be secured and prepared. Evidence of its existence and state of readiness shall be provided to the LPA in accordance with the recommendations arising out of the Reptile Survey 2018. Following best practice guidelines, reptiles will be trapped and translocated from the development site under the supervision of a suitably experienced consultant ecologist. Receptor site treatment and all timings of works pertaining to the reptile mitigation shall be undertaken only in strict accordance with Reptile Mitigation Method Statement. A completion report shall be submitted to the LPA for approval."

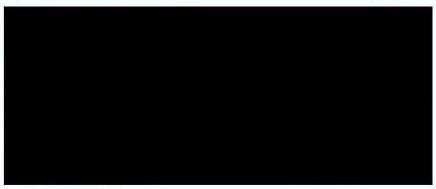
This document is the completion report as the reptile translocation process on site has now been completed. Reptile refugia were set up at the site in mid-June, with trapping commencing on 24th June 2019. A total of 56 days trapping were undertaken at the site, although two of these days were considered unsuitable for trapping, due to poor weather conditions.

A total of 260 slow worms were translocated to Mill Hill Local Nature Reserve, this included 92 mature adult slow worms, the remaining individuals were classed as sub-adult or juveniles. In addition, 11 common lizards were also translocated, although this species was not detected during the initial survey work, a small population was discovered on site.

The site was destructively searched using an excavator and toothed bucket on 10th October 2019 in suitable weather conditions for reptiles being active. This work was fully supervised by a suitably qualified ecologist. One adult common lizard was discovered and translocated to the receptor site during this process. No other reptiles were recorded on site. The process is now complete and I trust that this report will satisfy the discharge of condition 03.

It is advised that if any length of time passes before construction work is to take place, the reptile fence must be maintained in situ and in good condition, as well as the vegetation on site managed and kept to a short sward height. This will prevent the site from being recolonised by reptiles from the local area.

Kind regards,



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Photographs of the Site:

Photo 1: Brick built hibernacula constructed to the north of the LNR as enhancements for reptiles	
Photo 2: Log pile to the north of upper car park at the LNR receptor site	

Photo 8: Overview of the reptile receptor site, where the reptiles were released	
Photo 9: Juvenile common lizard caught and translocated	

Photo 10: Translocated slow worms	
Photo 11: The development site was destructively searched to end the translocation process, prior to development	