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Land Rear of 2 to 28, Kingston Avenue, Garlinge, Margate, Kent

Dear Peter Rocke and Scott Rigden,

This is an official Ecological Sign Off for the recent clearance of vegetation to soil level of land rear of 2 to 28 Kingstone Avenue in Garlinge, near Margate, Kent; a land area that has current Planning Permission for 43 dwellings (OL/TH/16/0376).

These clearance works followed the general guidelines set out in the relevant Reptile survey & mitigation strategy (Bramley Associates, 2017)

Ecological works in 2018 started with a site scope by two ecologists from Bramley Associates on the 27th March to ascertain the current status of the site. Vegetation clearance works were considered to be appropriate at that visit and the Phase 1 strimming of the site under direct ecological guidance within an Ecological Clerk of Work (ECoW) remit started on the 29th of March. This phase, which was not undertaken during some periods of the School Holiday to reduce auditory impact on neighbours, was overseen by qualified ecologists for 6 days until the 10th of April and vegetation height was reduced to approximately 30cms.

The following phase that reduced vegetation to soil level was overseen on the 17th and 18th of April and the site is now deemed suitable and cleared for housing development. As according to Planning Permission hedgelines of native species have been maintained around the vast majority of the site, except for the planned road access area.

As there is a risk that reptiles may colonise the cleared site area, we do advise that the site is kept clear of vegetation until development works begin and any further hedge works, such as hedge shaping, should be undertaken outside of the bird nesting season (i.e. works can be undertaken between the period October to end of February).

We wish you both the very best with this project. It has been a pleasure to work with you and your positive response to our ecological guidance on site.

Regards

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Reference - Bramley Associates. 2017 Land Rear of 2 to 28, Kingston Avenue, Margate, Kent. Reptile survey & mitigation strategy. Bramley Associates, Pretoria Road, Canterbury, Kent CT1 1QL