



Our Reference:

**BY EMAIL ONLY**

19 December 2014

Dear

**Request for Information**

Thank you for your email 27 November 2014 requesting information on Cinderford Northern Quarter. For ease of reference your request is below:

*On behalf of [REDACTED] I would like to ask for the methodology specification and for copies of the original daily worksheets used to collect the records.*

Below is an extract from the licence application which relates to the trapping methodology as you have requested. We do not hold the daily trapping records as the work was run by EcoVigour.

**Extract from licence application**

Herptile exclusion fencing will be installed around the perimeter of the construction site including accesses (excluding that that enters the site from Newtown Lane as this is already well used with low vegetation cover and is to be used only once to allow the installation of a temporary bridge access over Old Engine Brook into the college development area) and site compounds with additional lengths of fencing installed within this to create a number of compartments. Along the inside of this fencing pitfall traps and artificial refugia will be installed at a density of 1 each every 10m (creating a trap/refugia every 5m) to maximise the trapping effort whilst keeping impacts to a minimum. These will be checked daily before 10am and any newts captured translocated to suitable terrestrial habitat within the Linear Park receptor site. This exercise will start as soon as traps and refugia are installed and will continue for the minimum agreed trapping nights over suitable weather conditions with full records maintained throughout. Trapping will continue until 5 consecutive clear trapping nights after which destructive searches and vegetation clearance will be undertaken.'

If you have any questions regarding this response or any further queries you can contact us at the following addresses and quote your unique reference number found at the top of this letter:

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Yours sincerely

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