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## 7092: THE OLD BRICKWORKS, REEDS LANE, SAYERS COMMON

### Addendum: Dormouse Survey Results

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#### Introduction

Ecology Solutions was commissioned by Reside Developments Ltd. to undertake an Ecological Assessment (document reference: 7092.EcoAss.vf1) of land at The Old Brickworks Reeds Lane Sayers Common, hereafter referred to as the 'Application Site'. A report containing the findings of the Ecological Assessment was submitted in support of the planning application for development of the Application Site.

Given the timings of the submission it was not possible to fully complete all aspects of the survey work and present the results within the Ecological Assessment. However, this was limited to a single remaining survey check for Dormouse and as stated within the Ecological Assessment:

*"4.5.2 It is considered that Dormice are absent from the Application Site and suitable Dormouse habitat which is contiguous with it. In line with current guidance, one further survey is required to be completed in November 2017, in order to substantiate the conclusion that Dormice are not present within the Application Site or associated boundary habitat. The results of the final survey will be submitted to the Local Planning Authority (LPA) as soon as they are available. Any relevant mitigation has been put forward within this assessment on a precautionary basis, such that should Dormice be recorded during the final survey, the authority has all the necessary information available to it in informing the likely residual impact of the scheme on Dormice."*

As stated within the Ecological Assessment a further survey was undertaken on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2017. This survey followed the same methodology of the previous surveys undertaken at the Application Site.

## Results

The survey undertaken on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2017 involved checking all tubes within the survey area and did not record any Dormouse. On this basis, no evidence for the presence of Dormice was recorded during surveys undertaken between September 2017 and November 2017. It can now be confirmed from the fully completed survey work that Dormice are not present either within the Application Site, or in connected habitat.

## Conclusion

In establishing the absence of Dormouse from the Application Site and connected habitat, it can be confirmed that no specific mitigation for this species is required and that the Local Authority have all the required information upon which to determine the application in ecological terms.