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By email: joanne.fisher@midsussex.gov.uk

Joanne Fisher,
Senior Planning Officer, Mid Sussex District Council

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Dear Joanne,

Re: Confirmation of Engagement for Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) Provision – Land At Colwell Farm Lewes Road Haywards Heath West Sussex DM/25/0445

We write to confirm that Biofarm Limited has been formally engaged by Miller Homes Ltd in connection with the above-referenced planning application, specifically to secure and deliver the required off-site Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) units associated with the development.

We understand that ecological matters are not the basis for refusal of the current application. However, we also recognise the importance of providing the assurance that a robust and deliverable BNG solution will be in place, in line with statutory requirements and policy expectations.

To this end, we can confirm the following:

- We are currently in the process of agreeing a conservation covenant for a delivery site within the Mid Sussex Local Planning Authority area, through which we intend to provide the land necessary to meet the BNG obligations associated with this development.
- The delivery site is being prepared to meet the requirements for formal registration on the Biodiversity Gain Site Register, ensuring compliance with the Environment Act 2021 framework.
- Recognising programme sensitivities, we are also able to provide fully registered contingency solutions, should our primary site not be registered in time. This includes, for example Sleight Farm, Bath and North East Somerset LPA (Ref: BGS-281124001) and Slades Farm, Waverley LPA (Ref: BGS-060325001), which are both already registered and available for BNG unit allocation.
- We have significant BNG unit capacity for the habitat types required. Based on the latest version of the BNG metric (Rev 03 – Jan 2025) we will be providing 6.07 BNG units, however for either grassland or woodland units, we can confirm that an additional 0.39 habitat units could be provided if needed.
- In addition, we retain the capability to source alternative local BNG units, where necessary, to ensure alignment with spatial risk multiplier requirements and local policy considerations.

On this basis, we are confident in our ability to provide an appropriate, policy-compliant and deliverable BNG solution, available in line with the development programme, and subject to the granting of planning permission.

We trust this provides sufficient comfort that the applicant has secured a credible route to achieving its biodiversity net gain obligations. We would be pleased to engage further with the Council should you require any additional technical information or clarification.

Yours sincerely,

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