

Dear John,

Many thanks for your email. Please see attached response from the Neighbourhood Plan Group.

The comment of the Local Planning Authority is;

'As the Local Planning Authority does not have a in-house ecologist, nor the capacity or budget to pay one for this purpose, the decision is to accept the assertion made by 'Bertram Design' and their ecologist'

Kind regards,

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Dear James,

thank you for this. All the comments arising from Regulation 16 consultation were considered by the Neighbourhood Plan Group Committee meeting on April 10th 2017: this was one of those comments.

At this meeting of the NPGC Bertram Design and Build's representation was, inter alia, considered. On closer examination of Figure 8 in the Plan - a magnifying glass was needed - it was realised that in drawing up the map an error had occurred so that Wildlife Corridor (1) (Policy Env5) had been drawn to run through Bertram Design and Build's yard and over Edmondthorpe road. The intention of the working group that considered in detail policies relating to the Natural Environment was that this should be a riparian corridor, as their assessment based on the extensive local knowledge represented on that group, was that wildlife follows the track of the small stream running under the bridge on Edmondthorpe Road.

The NPGC therefore believes Bertram Design and Build's representation and the assessment of his ecological consultant to be correct and the map to contain an error. A correct version redrawn to more precisely follow the bed of the stream is attached.

Please let me know if the NPGC can be of further assistance. I will assume that you will forward this response to the Examiner.

Sincerely,

Matthew Williams

Secretary to the Neighbourhood Plan Group Committee
Parish Councillor