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Cufaude Lane Nature Protection and Enhancement Proposal

Dear Gill,

Further to recent discussions with Natural Basingstoke, on behalf of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust, I am pleased to confirm our in-principle endorsement of your **Nature Protection and Enhancement Proposal** for north Basingstoke.

Having studied your outline plans, the Trust supports the proposal's aims, which would protect and promote open countryside species and expand and enhance their habitats. This would be achieved by establishing a green corridor that embraces and connects key habitats in the area bordering Cufaude Lane (in the parish of Bramley), with a protected nature reserve at its core that would act as a local BNG habitat bank.

Nature is under unprecedented pressure from development, pollution and climate impacts. We must take concerted action to restore our broken nature networks, to ensure that both wildlife and people can thrive for the future.

We have a shared aspiration to establish a network of green and blue corridors across north Hampshire, and the Trust looks forward to collaborating with local organisations such as yourselves to make this a reality.

Yours sincerely,

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Chief Executive

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