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Subject: A14Drainage and Flood Risk Issue Specific Hearing (Our Ref: SW/14d)

Dear Mr Coombes

Further to the above hearing held on 21st October, I write as requested to confirm the points which I raised on behalf of Swavesey Internal Drainage Board.

1 The Board are concerned that no specific provisions and/or works programme has been provided by Highways England (HE) for the proposed balancing ponds. In the Board's view, a commitment to the frequency of specified maintenance is important. This point is even more critical, given the statement by HE that the attenuation facilities will have a secondary environmental function, with the protected species, the Great Crested Newt, being specifically mentioned. The Board would wish to know how HE will then ensure that adequate maintenance at the required times of year, will then be guaranteed.

2 The Board are concerned that the impacts of the drainage of Bar Hill have not been fully considered, where such impacts are felt downstream on the receiving watercourse system and on the design of the attenuation facilities.

3 The Board noted that impacts on Uttons Drove Drain were referred to, concerning which the Board have not previously been consulted. While I understand from the HE consultant, Mr Jacobs, that such impacts will not be felt outside the area of land to be acquired by HE and will not therefore impact on the Board, the Board await publication of the Flood Risk Assessment at the end of the month in order to properly consider this.

Yours sincerely
Iain Smith
Clerk to Swavesey Internal Drainage Board