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Dear Adam,

Thank you for the email and telephone call earlier.

I just wanted to follow up on the meeting on Monday and the discussion around the updated crossing designs and associated commitments.

We raised a few relatively minor but important points to be addressed, including: confirmation of the inclusion of a mammal ledge on the River Brain bridge to provide for mammal passage above the 1:100 + CC flood event; the revision of REAC BI51/BI52 to be clear that measures under and in the vicinity of the bridge will be investigated to improve fish passage through the structure as part of the detailed design; and that the positioning of the otter ledge through the proposed and existing Domsey (west) structure will be informed by an appropriate mammal survey.

We can confirm that we are now satisfied with the proposals, subject to the changes we discussed being made and the updated drawings and REAC being included as part of the DCO.

On that basis we are also now content that the updated scheme will not lead to deterioration under the Water Environment (Water Framework Directive) Regulations 2017, and therefore we no longer consider that this is a matter requiring a Regulation 19 justification.

You also agreed to share with us details of a scheme in Devon where a box culvert had been fitted with baffles, and a contact so that opportunities for further improvements on Essex rivers, including the River Ter could be discussed between the EA and NH for delivery through the designated funds mechanism. This would be very much appreciated, and we look forward to those discussions.

Thanks again for the meeting on Monday and the work of you and your colleagues in helping to resolve this issue. Thank you too for confirming the revised drawing of the Brain crossing (Section through deck extension) with the mammal pass set at 13.555M (The 1 in 200 flood height). This too is satisfactory.

Kind regards James

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