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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing in response to a request from site owner, [redacted] for confirmation that the habitat baseline at the proposed development site Hinxton Grange Estate, Hinxton, Cambs CB10 1RG (Grid ref: TL 50494 46947) is unchanged since a previous site walkover was made in July 2022 (letter previously submitted 4/7/25).

A site walkover on 15th September 2025 that the habitats were unchanged since 2022, the site comprising recently reploughed cropland and native species-rich hedgerow in moderate condition as recorded in 2022.

Fig 1: Site viewed from the eastern site boundary looking west – recently ploughed cropland

Fig 2: Native species-rich hedgerow along eastern site boundary

A renewed request for biodiversity data from the Cambridge & Peterborough Environmental Records Centre and Essex Recorders Partnership as of 20th September 2025 records the following protected species within 2km of the site recorded in the last decade.

Common name	Species	Year of most recent sighting	Protections
Otter	*Lutra lutra*	2020	HabRegs2, HSD2p, HSD4, Sect.41, UKBAP, WCA5
Badger	*Meles meles*	2021	PBA
Pipistrelle bat	*Pipistrellus pipistrellus*	2020	HabRegs2, HSD4, WCA5
Brown long-eared bat	*Plecotus auritus*	2015	HabRegs2, HSD4, Sect.41, UKBAP, WCA5
Great-crested newt	*Titurus cristatus*	2019	HabRegs2, HSD2p, HSD4, Sect.41, UKBAP, WCA5

No sign of these protected species was found within the site.

This is not an ecological appraisal of the site but serves simply to confirm no change in the baseline habitats observed in 2022.

Yours faithfully,

Dr Claire Tancell