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Dear David,

Radcliffe Hub Discharge of Planning Condition 12

This letter has been written on behalf of Vinci Construction Limited by RSK Biocensus in response to the LPAs planning discharge condition 12 in relation to the proposed development works (the Site) at Radcliffe.

In November 2021, RSK Biocensus completed a Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (PEA) of the Site, which stated that there was potential to support breeding birds and if any trees were to be felled, they would need to be done outside of the breeding bird season (March-August) or if that was not a possibility a pre-fell check would need to occur prior to felling works.

Additionally, in May 2022 a breeding bird survey was conducted at the Site. This highlighted the need for mitigation measures for the sand martin colony in the River Irwell riverside wall. However, no additional breeding bird measures in relation to trees were identified.

While RSK Biocensus acknowledges the need for a pre-demolition check of the existing buildings onsite, due for demolition, to ensure no nesting feral pigeon are present. However, the tree felling works, that are due to commence on 13th November will therefore **not** require a pre-fell check, given the works are now occurring well outside of breeding bird nesting season and feral pigeons not using trees for nesting provision.

Yours sincerely,

Amy Harris
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On behalf of RSK Biocensus