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Your ref: 152038
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F.A.O: Ms. R Jenman

Dear Madam

**PROPOSED NEW ACCESS ROAD TO THE NORTH OF THE CURRENT AD SITE AT
COURT FARM, RECTORY ROAD, HAMPTON BISHOP, HEREFORDSHIRE, HR1
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I refer to additional information received in support of the above application. The email from Peter McCann-Downes, dated 7 March 2016 (attached) provides detail to allay our concerns with regards to flood risk.

Flood Risk: The access road is primarily located within Flood Zone 1, the low risk Zone. However both ends of the road (connection to the A438 and immediately north of the AD site) are within Flood Zone 3, which is the high risk Zone. It is noted that the proposed route follows, as far as is practical, the existing farm track.

As stated in my previous response our concern related to the impact (flood flows and flood storage) of raising ground levels on the new section of track 500mm above existing ground levels. Initially the track was to be raised above existing ground levels. The email from Peter has now confirmed that the road is now primarily being kept at current ground levels with the exception of the access and turning head.

The minor ground raising will result in a minimal volume of lost flood storage and it has therefore been proposed to offset this with a filter trench.

In light of the above clarification it is considered that the impacts on the flood regime in the area are negligible and can be adequately mitigated for through the detailed design. You may wish to apply a condition to any permission granted to ensure that the drainage design is progress prior to construction.

I trust the above confirms my position at this time.

Yours faithfully

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