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**Land and Property**  
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Date: 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Dear Mrs L & Mr J Ascroft,

**NGET: LITTLE HORSTED – ECOLOGICAL MITIGATION**

I am writing to request permission to gain access to your land to install mitigation for protected species that may be affected by our plans to construct a new electricity supply point near Little Horsted.

Protected species have been recorded on the proposed development land therefore, mitigatory measures need to be undertaken and compensation land will need to be secured prior to any development works commencing. These measures will be detailed within protected species licences (to be agreed and approved by Natural England) for great crested newts (GCN) and dormice. Access to certain areas of land and permission will need to be agreed by you, the owner of Crockstead Farm, and provided by NGET to Natural England. The table below outlines these areas of land and / or features requiring agreements and the reasons for these.

Land / features	Works and reasons required	Duration of mitigation
Land within the redline planning application boundary.	GCN and reptile trapping and vegetation clearance including for dormice within European Protected Species Mitigation Licences (EPSMLs).	Land to be acquired but to show landowner permission within EPSML submission to Natural England
National Grid's compound area.	GCN and reptile trapping and vegetation clearance.	For the duration of the development
Offsite mitigation / compensation land.	Compensation for habitats loss (requirement for Natural England to agree to the licences). To include the creation of wildflower meadows, good quality scrub and enhancing the strip of woodland. Also to include bird and bat boxes within the strip of woodland and two barn owl boxes along these field margins	Land to be acquired but to show landowner permission within EPSML submission to Natural England
Access to an outgrown hedge running north to south along the eastern edge of an arable field, east of tower 68 for the provision of nest boxes.	To install 25 dormouse nest boxes as mitigation provisions as part of an EPSML.	6 years

It is proposed that installation will commence from 1<sup>st</sup> February, and the mitigation measures (aside from the long-term use of land around tower 066) will be in place for the duration of the project.

The works will be carried out by ecologists from RSK Biocensus, National Grid's specialist contractors, who will carry identification and will wear high visibility jackets. The on-foot access requirement is for weekday and weekends during daytime only.

Would you please sign and return this letter to confirm your permission for the above works on your land.

Kind Regards,



Alison Williams

Senior Land Officer

I, Mrs L Ashcroft/Mr J Ascroft, give permission for the works outlined in the above table, on land as shown on the attached plan, to be carried out for the purpose of protected species mitigation and habitat enhancements.

Sign:

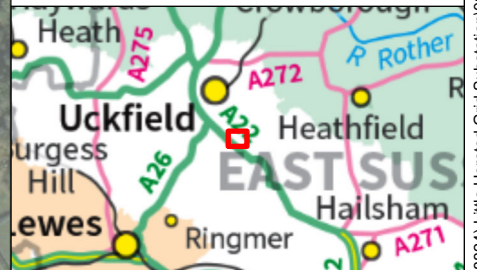
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- Legend:**
- Site boundary
  - National Grid compound
  - Off-site mitigation area
  - Bat and bird boxes to be installed as directed by ecologist within enhanced woodland
  - Location of 25 Dormouse boxes

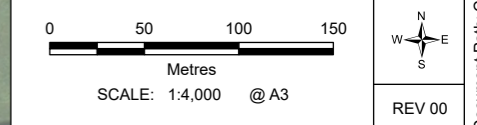


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**Little Horsted Grid Substation**



TITLE: Crockstead Land



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