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Planning Application Ref: 25/00776/FUL and 25/00777/LBC

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Dear Mr Minihan

Installation of an electric vehicle charger on the southwest facing side of a pillar in the brick boundary wall
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With reference to your letter of today's date I am sending the items requested, as set out in the Schedule to your letter, namely:

1. A completed HDC Biodiversity checklist form.
2. The Location Plan showing the site outlined in red.
3. The Block Plan showing distances to front and rear boundaries in metres.
4. The existing and proposed Elevations showing the scale (1:40) and height of the boundary wall.

With reference to item 1, the Biodiversity checklist, I have answered 'yes' to the existence of a pond within 250 m of the proposed development. This is an artificial pond (which we had dug a few years ago) approximately 1.8 m in length, situated approximately 70 m from the proposed location for the EV Charger. The two locations are separated by a garden gate. While I note that the preparation of a Preliminary Ecological Assessment is stated to be required if any of the questions are answered yes, I would ask whether it is possible in this case to exercise discretion and waive the requirement for a Preliminary Ecological Assessment. This is on the basis that the proposal is for a minor development to lay a cable for an EV charger and affix the same to a boundary wall, at a location 70 m away from the pond. At no point will the works or the development affect the pond in any way or cause any harm to any biodiversity within it. It would seem that a pragmatic approach would be proportionate and justifiable in this case, especially given the nature of the development as a source of renewable / low carbon energy.

Yours sincerely

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