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**Re: Draft Plan of Subdivision  
Trent Meadows Phase 1  
Township of Asphodel and Norwood  
County of Peterborough**

**Updated Species at Risk Assessment**

Dear Mr. Sestito

Niblett Environmental Associates Inc. (now GHD) was retained by the former landowner in 2016, to prepare a Species At Risk Assessment for a proposed draft plan of subdivision.

The new landowners (HBNG) are proposing to submit a draft plan of subdivision and zoning by-law amendment application and require an update to the Species at Risk Assessment.

The original SAR assessment concluded the following:

*Based on our field investigations, habitat for eastern meadowlark and bobolink is confirmed on the subject lands south of Mill Street that is proposed for a subdivision. NEA estimate the total amount of suitable habitat for the eastern meadowlark and bobolink within the proposed footprint of the plan of subdivision to be approximately 17.5 ha. The potential for mitigation due to the loss of bobolink/eastern meadowlark habitat is limited on site due to the extensive plan of subdivision.*

*Authorization under the Endangered Species Act (ESA), 2007 will be required prior to proceeding with any activity that would damage or destroy this habitat to ensure that the works do not contravene this legislation. This authorization may take the form of an overall benefit permit under section 17.2 (c) of the ESA, 2007 or the development activity may be eligible for an exemption under Section 23.2 of O. reg. 242/08, provided it meets the criteria set out under this legislation. However, please note that one of the conditions of this exemption states that you cannot perform any part of the development activity that is likely to damage or destroy the habitat of bobolink or eastern meadowlark between May 1st and July 31st of any year.*

*As the proposed development activity will destroy approximately 17.5 ha of suitable habitat, this activity is eligible for an exemption under Section 23.3 of O. reg. 242/08 however, compensation for the loss of this habitat will be required as per the ESA regulations Section 23.6. (See the attached document which outlines the requirements of this legislation). A C-permit*

*(Overall Benefit Permit) is not required as the area of loss is less than 30 ha.*

If the habitat on site is still hayfield and still suitable for eastern meadowlark and bobolink nesting, the above conclusion is still valid under current ESA policy.

Yours very truly

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "C. Ellingwood", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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