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To: Anthony Scholes

From: Cathy Holwill (RBC Ecology Consultations)

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Date: 3 July 2026

Re: Planning application ref: PL/26/0644

Address: Land at Atterbury Gardens, Rear of 23-25 Richmond Road, Caversham, Reading, RG4 7PR

Description: Application for Approval of Details Reserved by Condition 22 (Problematic Species Management Plan) of application PL/24/1659

The application is for the discharge of condition 22 (Problematic Species Management Plan) of application PL/24/1659[Erection of 4no. two-storey detached dwellings (3 x 3-bed, 1 x 4-bed) including access via Atterbury Gardens, parking, and associated works]

Condition 22 reads:

No development hereby permitted shall commence until a Variegated Yellow Archangel eradication strategy has been submitted to, and approved in writing by, the local planning authority. The strategy shall include details of and timescales for archangel eradication, and, if the archangel has not been eradicated at the time of commencement of works, details of the measures to be put in place to ensure that works do not cause its spread. The eradication strategy shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details unless the local planning authority gives written approval for any variations.

REASON: In order to protect native biodiversity from Variegated Yellow Archangel, which is an invasive weed, in accordance with Policy EN12 of the Reading Borough Local Plan 2019.

The applicant has submitted a Problematic Species Management Plan (Arbtech, May 2026) which details the steps to be implemented to eradicate yellow archangel and prevent its spread to the wider environment. As such condition 22 can be discharged.