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Dear Mark

I refer to our conversation on Monday 22 December 2008, accompanying correspondence to the General Manager dated 19 December 2008 and the letter from Bob Conroy, Executive Director Park Management Park and Wildlife Group from DECC to Tim Entwisle from your organisation.

I note that the estimated number of flying foxes to be relocated to the Gordon flying fox camp from the Royal Botanic Gardens would be in the vicinity 4,000 to 7,000, not the 22,000 as previously believed. Based on past conversations with the Ku-ring-gai Bat Conservation Society this would be within the estimated carrying capacity of the Gordon site and should not adversely affect the current population, bushland reserve and neighbours.

Based on this and in reference to our previous correspondence dated 27 October 2008, I would support the relocation. As part of the proposed activity, I would ask that you notify Council at least four weeks prior to any relocation attempts.

Should you have any questions please contact me or David Wilks on 94240800.

Regards

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