

Consultee Comment for planning application 24/00375/F

Application Number	24/00375/F
Location	Os Parcels 7685 6871 8775 1582 3675 3173 1865 0250 8545 7331 1724 And Part 0006 Adjoining Stratford Road A422 Wroxton
Proposal	Formation of two fishing lakes, two nursery lakes, the siting of 15 accommodation lodges, 8 pods, a management building and ancillary vehicular access, parking and landscaping
Case Officer	Katherine Daniels
Organisation	Ecology (CDC)
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Address	Cherwell District Council Bodicote House White Post Road Bodicote Banbury OX15 4AA
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Comments	<p>The Preliminary Ecological Appraisal Report (PEAR) recommended further breeding bird surveys and GCN surveys. These need to be carried out prior to a planning decision being made on the application.</p> <p>A CEMP Biodiversity should be produced to ensure species are protected during the works. This should include strict protection measures for retained trees and hedgerows, pre-fell bat checks for all trees being removed, timing and precautions for nesting birds, a pre-commencement badger survey, and staged and supervised clearance of vegetation for reptiles, amphibians, and terrestrial mammals. The CEMP should also include any recommendations provided after the breeding bird and GCN surveys have been undertaken.</p> <p>Artificial lighting during construction should be kept to a minimum. I would recommend that working times are limited to daylight hours only. Ideally, the site should not have any lighting installed for use during the operational phase. However, if lighting is necessary, a lighting strategy for biodiversity, in line with the Bat Conservation Trust guidance note 08/23, should be produced. All lighting should be directed away from boundary habitats and waterbodies. Measures to avoid light spill, as well as timers and sensors, should be used where possible.</p> <p>There does not appear to be a Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) assessment submitted with the application, though the PEAR does mention that a Biodiversity Impact Assessment (BIA) will be produced and submitted once the plans are finalised. This should be submitted, along with the metric (excel version). We should be seeking at least a 10% net gain, in line with the local plan and Community Nature Plan. In addition to a 10% gain in habitats, at least 1 bird/bat brick should be integrated into each new dwelling (they can be clustered). The enhancements recommended in the PEAR would greatly improve the biodiversity of the site. A Landscape Management Plan (LEMP) should be produced to demonstrate how habitats and features will be created and managed long-term.</p> <p>Once the breeding bird and GCN surveys have been completed, and the BNG assessment has been submitted, please let know so I can provide comments. Happy to discuss further if needed.</p> <p>Kind regards, Megan Belanger</p>
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