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OS Parcel 0622 South of Jersey Co•ages and East of Heyford Road Kirtlington.

With regard to the above applica•on, an acceptable ecological appraisal has been submi•ed to assess impacts. There are few protected species issues on site which cannot be mi•gated through a condi•oned CEMP for biodiversity. The Landscape Strategy Plan proposes created and retained habitats of bene•t to wildlife – although I note this looks very di•erent to the Proposed Site Layout plans (also with the D & A statement) which suggests most of the woodland to the South to be absent.

A biodiversity impact assessment metric has been carried out which is stated as demonstra•ng a good level of net gain on site above the 10% net gain we currently seek. However, the applicant has not submi•ed the actual metric and it is di•cult to read the pasted tables in the net gain report.

A full LEMP with a habitat management and monitoring plan will need to be condi•oned which must contain an updated (full) metric and mapping in order for the relevant habitat condi•ons to be monitored and enforced. This should also include full details of biodiversity enhancements (with loca•ons and types) of bat/bird/invertebrate bricks. There needs to be clear monitoring periods with an indica•on of the stages at which monitoring against the targets of the metric will be carried out (for all habitats) and the results submi•ed to the LPA.

The woodland management plan is generally sa•sfactory however there are some parts which do not align with the informa•on on access within the ecological appraisal. The woodland management plan men•ons footpaths through two compartments of the woodland, the appraisal only through one. The ecological appraisal suggests there will be fencing along the footpaths to deter access into the wider woodland but the woodland management plan does not men•on these. Post and rail fences will not prevent access by dogs o• leads for example, which could impact the proposed condi•on the wood will be able to achieve. Access management needs to be made clear within the LEMP.

Kind regards
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