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Matthew

With regard to the above application the applicant has submitted all the appropriate ecological survey and follow up information. The site does contain, in parts, both Priority habitat and habitat of National importance (the MG4 grassland field to the South, broadleaved woodland) however this is intended to be retained in its entirety and enhanced. I was not clear on how they would might achieve the necessary hydrological regime to do this in conjunction with the proposed enlarged pond/lake, as it seems drying from the original creation of a water body may be a problem for the grassland blocks condition. This management will need to be clearly outlined within any LEMP.

In general though the proposals for the site in terms of ecology are likely to provide a good overall net gain for biodiversity on site if the grassland, in particular, is managed appropriately. The LEMP will need to allow for a review period in the event that the MG4 grassland does not achieve the desired condition. The applicants have only sent a summary of the Biodiversity impact calculators results not the metric itself so it is not possible to see where their net gain is achieved or the conditions and time scales proposed however any LEMP should clearly outline the habitat 'condition' to be achieved and the proposed time scale for all habitats to be created or enhanced on site.

The species and other habitat recommendations within the various ecology documents are all appropriate.

A full CEMP for biodiversity would need to be conditioned to ensure the recommendations are in place to protected species and habitats during construction. This should include environmental protection zones, measures to protect reptiles and pre works checks for birds. A full LEMP would also need to be conditioned to ensure the proposed

habitats on site and their future management are within a clear working document. The LEMP should include types, locations, design and numbers of all additional features to be included for wildlife as outlined in the Ecological reports (bird boxes/bricks, bat bricks, measures for reptiles, barn owl nesting site etc..).

Should works not commence within two years of the Ecological report (i.e. by August 2021) an update report at an appropriate time of year should be conditioned to ensure there have been no significant changes in habitats or species on site in the interim.

Please do get back to me with any queries.

Kind regards

Charlotte

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