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Subject: [SUSPECT] Re: Comments acknowledgement for 20/02469/SCOP
Importance: High

Sorry, can you change 0.01% to 0.1% please. It was my mistake with the position of the point. It does not alter my argument that the developer has taken a very small area from the CTA, so it in no way prevents the aims of the Ray CTA being achieved as a whole.

Regards

Patricia Clissold

----- Original Message -----

From: planning@cherwell-dc.gov.uk
To: patricia [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, 3 Oct, 2020 At 19:01
Subject: Comments acknowledgement for 20/02469/SCOP

Dear Patricia Clissold,

Thank you for your email making the following comments on application number 20/02469/SCOP:

"CTAs and LNRs. The western end of Bic13 as part of the Gavray Meadows:

This application needs to plan for the future and take note of Government guidance on Local Nature Recovery Strategies (March 2020, LNRs).

LNRs will guide smooth and effective delivery of biodiversity net gain and other nature recovery measures by helping developers and planning authorities avoid the most valuable existing habitat and focus habitat creation or improvement where it will achieve the most.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/environment-bill-2020/10-march-2020-nature-and-conservation-covenants-parts-6-and-7>

In the Environment Bill, the government will introduce new duties to support better spatial planning for nature through the creation of Local Nature Recovery Strategies (LNRs).

Our rivers and streams are corridors for wildlife, but according to

<https://environment.data.gov.uk/catchment-planning/WaterBody/GB106039030160>

Langford Brook upstream of the A41 (to its source) is only in a moderate state of health.

The Ray CTA follows the catchment area of the Oxon Ray (Environment Agency). It is designed to encompass the alluvial floodplain of the Ray and to include LWSs, of which Gavray Meadows is one.

Most of the LWSs in the Ray CTA are accessed by footpaths and small tracks/roads. Gavray Meadows is an outlier because it is situated at the Ray CTA's most western end on a narrow strip which just encompasses the Langford Brook. The Ray CTA is 2423 hectares in area. The 2018 Cherwell ESD11 states that "Development which would prevent the aims of a Conservation Target Area being achieved will not be permitted."

However, this application encroaches on <0.01% of the CTA on its very southern edge. The wildlife corridor into the LWS split off from Bic13 across the opposite side of the A4421 is retained. The A4421 is the obstacle, rather than the corner of the CTA removed by the present application for

houses. I am more concerned to preserve the wildlife corridor formed by Langford Brook and its riverine banks. This water course was described as major by the Environment Agency. Its health is documented at

<https://environment.data.gov.uk/catchment-planning/WaterBody/GB106039030160>

It is not beyond improvement from "moderate" to "good". The L. Brook is far more important to consider than the tiny area of the CTA taken by this application. Langford Brook should be respected as a part of the Ray CTA delineating the Ray CTA's western boundary. The L. Brook can form a valid LNRSs, but requires acknowledgement as such in this application. The Brook flows through Langford Fields, Graven Hill and the BOS Wetland Reserve before reaching the A41 and therefore should be considered as a major factor in this application. The developers do seem to have left a good space between their houses and the Langford Brook, but the requirement to raise the houses on a stone blanket of aggregate may have a detrimental effect on the water quality. On the whole the developers do seem to have been considerate of the wildlife in Gavray LWS.

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Your comments have been forwarded onto the planning officer dealing with this application, who will take your views into consideration when determining this application. We are sorry but the planning officer will not be able to respond directly back to you regarding any questions which you may have raised in your correspondence.

You can view the progress of this application at

<https://planningregister.cherwell.gov.uk/Planning/Display/20/02469/SCOP>.

Thank you for taking the time and trouble to let us have your views on this planning application.

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