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There are no major issues with the LEMP for this part of the site (which does not include the bulk of the ecological habitat creation off site). The objectives are stated and in general the management proposed is fine. I just have a few comments as below:

I would recommend avoidance of glyphosphate based chemicals (3.15) in the wildflower areas. Some of the meadow grassland borders the proposed compensatory wildlife area and its use would not be appropriate - other methods of weed control should be preferred.

There is a little confusion throughout the document as to whether ecologists need to review certain areas and make checks or just the landscaping company (3.19, 4.5, 4.6), this should be made clear so there is an accountable checking system. Whilst the plan is for five years there should be provision for a review at this point to ensure the habitats are still meeting the ecological objectives and to make a plan for the proposed continued 'as and when' management.

They should remove the words 'wherever possible' from all the parts of schedule regarding avoiding the bird nesting season. The nesting season should be avoided completely for hedgerow and tree works or where it is necessary for safety reasons to cut within the season it needs to be preceded by a nesting bird survey, this should be made clear.

Please do get back to me on any of this

Kind regards

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