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With regard to the above outline application, the ecological surveys submitted are all fine in scope and depth. The proposals as regards mitigation are still at an outline stage but are generally appropriate and mitigation seems possible here with the ongoing management proposed. Some of those proposals listed for the FAST site (sensitive lighting, integrated bat and bird enhancements, living roofs etc..) are equally relevant here but I'm not sure if they are intended.

I am a little unclear on how the proposed 4x4 track within the quarry LWS will impact biodiversity as I am not sure as to the extent of its use, whether there will be general off road driving or a strictly marked course? Are the proposals likely to impact the sites designation?

The ecological report states that a net gain is achievable here as measured by a metric. I could not find the metric within the documents and this should be sent on as soon as possible. Whilst the ecologists here state their concerns with regard to any reliance on metrics they form an important tool in ensuring net gain targets are met and demonstrated on site. It is necessary therefore to see the actual calculations in order to assess, even at outline stage, the level of gain possible. CDC seeks a net gain of 10% and where this is not met it is an indication that more may need to be done on site or potentially off site.

Kind regards
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