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Natural England and The Wildlife Trust have, I think covered most of the relevant points to be included within the ES all of which I agree with.

There is an area of Ancient woodland on site which is not mentioned within the scoping request but will need to be carefully accommodated and plans should aim to provide some connectivity on site as part of any green infrastructure. Surveys on site have been outlined. Surveys not carried out will need to be justified (e.g. dormouse).

As well as mitigation for loss/disturbance to habitats and species on site it will need to be demonstrated that a biodiversity net gain is achievable on site or failing that clearly outline how and where it would be accommodated off site. If it is proposed for anything to be off site this additional land should be included in the ES. Currently CDC seeks an overall net gain of at least 10% in addition to enhancements on site such as bat and bird nesting provisions.

I am happy to input further if helpful

Kind regards

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