

Consultee Comment for planning application 22/01220/DISC

Application Number	22/01220/DISC
Location	OS Parcel 4300 North Of Shortlands And South Of High Rock Hook Norton Road Sibford Ferris OX15 5QW
Proposal	Discharge of Condition 9 (Landscape Ecological Management Plan) of 18/01894/OUT (APP/C3105/W/19/3229631)
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Organisation	Ecology (CDC)
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Comments	<p>With regard to the submitted LEMP, in general the management actions proposed are fine. They have not submitted a biodiversity impact assessment to show a net gain but it is likely that a reasonable net gain will be achieved here so I don't think this is a particular issue. The objective for each habitat type could be more accurately defined for monitoring purposes. It will be difficult to assess what success for each habitat will look like. There seems some uncertainty over how the site will be managed (i.e. who has the responsibility) in the future and this should be resolved (not necessarily within the LEMP). The proposed monitoring intervals by an ecologist are fine but there may need to be additional monitoring reviews following year 10 to ensure the habitats are still functioning as well as they should.</p> <p>I would recommend that they add the following to 6.7.6 - 'To permit flowering, mowing can be relaxed from late June. Mowing may be suspended earlier in the year to allow cowslips to flower. Heavy quantities of cuttings should be collected and removed from site'. so the flowers are allowed to develop.</p> <p>For section 6.11.2 - hedgehog highways or cut-outs - I would recommend that small signs are placed above these so future residents understand their purpose and their retention is more likely.</p> <p>Currently they only propose 9 integrated provisions for bats/birds on site (at most 13 if they wish to count the sparrow terraces as 3) and this is lower than CDC guidance of the equivalent of at least one provision per dwelling (albeit these may be best clustered for colonial species). I would like to see this number increased therefore in line with current expectations.</p> <p>Kind regards Charlotte</p>
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