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Regarding the full rebuttal below and for clarity - I do not maintain an outstanding objection to the application. Within my comments I have acknowledged the on-site biodiversity net gain of the proposals and that on site ecological issues can be overcome via conditions. However, I sought to advise you that in ecological terms I do not consider the location desirable and to give the reasons behind that. It would be remiss not to highlight that concerns of potential deterrent effects on migrating and wetland species do exist. These are outlined in the comments of The Wildlife Trust also - who go further in maintaining an objection on those grounds.

I recognise however that there is a lack of definitive evidence of harm and as such I am not stating that there *will* be harm - if that was the case I would have objected on that basis (ESD10). Therefore I acknowledge that this aspect of the comments may be immaterial.

As asserted below – if there is no obligation to consider alternative locations on ecological grounds, I don't think I have anything to add at a further meeting but please do give me a ring to discuss if helpful.

Kind regards
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