## Consultee Comment for planning application 22/01829/OUT

Application Number 22/01829/OUT

Location

Unit D1 Graven Hill Circular Road Ambrosden

**Proposal** 

?Outline (fixing ?Access? only) ? redevelopment of Graven Hill D1 Site, including demolition of existing buildings, development of B8 ?Storage or Distribution? use comprising up to 104,008 sq. m (GIA), creation of open space and associated highway works, ground works, sustainable drainage systems, services infrastructure and associated works.?

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I have read through the updated BIA metric for the site. The projected net loss in biodiversity on site is now reduced by going further on site with their proposed landscaping such that the appropriate mitigation hierarchy has been followed and as much as can be achieved in terms of habitat provision on site has been at this stage.

There may be issues with achieving a ?good? condition for all the proposed neutral grassland on the site within the green spaces, however this will depend on what other functions these areas need to serve - for example amenity and how heavy this usage is. The exact nature and extent of the habitats to be provided on site, including how they are used may of course alter at reserved matters so can be reviewed at that point.

In view of this I am content that an off-site solution in order to achieve a biodiversity net gain is required here. I support the proposed involvement of the Trust for Oxfordshire's Environment and the utilisation of their system of off-setting provision as a scheme likely to lead to the best ecological outcome and importantly to a good level of biodiversity net gain in line with CDCs aspirations.

The TOE documents and case studies make it clear how the system could work for this site and that the off-set would be provided within the district. The suggested Grampian conditions are appropriate from an ecological viewpoint.

Kind regards Charlotte

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**Attachments**