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With regard to the discharge of condition 49 (LEMP), the document submitted does outline the various habitats to be retained and created and puts forward a management schedule. Some aspects seem a little vague. The wetland/scrapes section mentions allowing livestock to graze up to the edges of the scrapes but livestock grazing is not mentioned elsewhere. As this is a very particular type of management it needs to be clear whether livestock are going to be grazing this or any area, at what density, which organisation is responsible for the livestock and how this changes the management of that part of the site.

Monitoring of habitats to ensure they reach the condition stated within the Biodiversity Impact assessment and achieve the objective of ensuring a net gain for biodiversity needs to be carried out by a qualified ecologist at regular intervals (I would suggest annually for first five years, then at 5 yearly intervals after). This should be stated within the LEMP – currently it says it will be monitored annually but does not say by who. At least one of the reviews should seek input from the adjacent conservation organisation BOS. The objectives for the condition for the retained, enhanced and created habitats stated within the BIA are not mentioned within the document and the intention to achieve these should be made clear.

Kind regards
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