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Land South of Faraday House, Woodway Road, Sibford Ferris

Erection of 5 two storey age restricted dwellings (55 years) for older people with access, landscaping and associated infrastructure

With regard to the above application, in general there are few ecological issues. The proposed landscaping retains the most valuable habitat on site and proposes sufficient additional landscaping for a biodiversity net gain to be likely to be achieved if it is appropriately managed for wildlife. The ornamental planting beds are strangely placed around the water body and might be better moved so this area functions for native wetland vegetation if the attenuation is likely to hold water. The bat and swift bricks are appropriate enhancements on the dwellings however note that the placement and key on the plans for these lists them the wrong way around.

Should permission be granted a full Landscape and Ecological Management Plan should be conditioned that demonstrates how habitats on site will be managed for the lifetime of the development, funding and monitoring details with full landscape plans and any other biodiversity enhancements on site clearly illustrated with type and location (an updated plan for the bat and bird provisions should be included to ensure the correct aspects are chosen).

A CEMP for biodiversity should also be conditioned to protect retained habitat and any species on site. Should more than two years elapse from the time of the last ecological surveys and the commencement of works an additional updated walkover survey and reported results would be required before works commenced. This should be conditioned also.

Kind regards

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