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In general the documents submitted to fulfil the condition (LEMP) and the plan (Outside of Red Line boundary planning scheme PL401-P05 WIP) are OK to fulfil the condition however they need a couple of additions/changes.

- Within the LEMP 2.3.15 – states ‘there will be limited use of herbicides or pesticides’ – this is too vague and given the proximity to the water course and value of the surrounding habitat I would suggest that no herbicide or pesticides will be used on site except in exceptional cases when dealing with invasive species.
- There are many places where the LEMP states ‘should’ as opposed to ‘shall’ or ‘will’ which gives an element of doubt over what will be done on site. A clarifying sentence to state that in this case ‘should’ can be taken as ‘will’ except in exceptional circumstances (as opposed to changing each one in the document) might suffice.
- The decision notice has condition that the site must adhere to sections 5 and 7 of the Ecological appraisal submitted. Section 7 states there will be 20 woodcrete bird boxes and 20 woodcrete bat boxes installed in trees within the ecological buffer area on trees associated with the watercourse. These are not included in the LEMP or on the plan and need to be clearly marked.
- On a similar note section 4.2.50 of the LEMP states ‘Maintaining Hibernacula / Log Piles / Bird Boxes (If installed)’ – this is too ambiguous and will not be helpful to contractors setting up/working on site – are they to be installed or not? And if so where is appropriate and in what form etc..

Kind regards
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