## Consultee Comment for planning application 23/02827/F

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Location

Land At Heyford Park Camp Road Upper Heyford Oxfordshire OX25 5HD

**Proposal** 

Use of the eastern part of the southern taxiway and the adjacent Hush House building (Building 1368) for car processing operations plus associated works and portable buildings. Planning permission is sought for a 5 year period.

**Case Officer** 

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**Type of Comment** 

Comment

Туре

**Comments** 

The BSG Ecology technical note confirms that there will be no direct impact on habitats or species - the site is entirely hard standing and won't result in any removal of vegetation or suitable features for wildlife.

However, I do have some concern about the adjacent LWS and CTA (Ardley and Upper Heyford). The adjacent grassland is also a possible NERC Act S41 Priority habitat. The BSG Ecology note states that any extra water from the car cleaning facility will either be collected and recycled or enter the existing drain. As long as this is the case, no impacts should occur. However, I recommend that we require a management plan or condition to ensure that this operation works as intended. Otherwise, the surrounding habitats (and important sites) could be negatively impacted.

We should be seeking enhancements with all development. In addition, where development is proposed within or adjacent to a CTA, planning conditions or obligations should be used to secure biodiversity enhancement to help achieve the aims of the CTA (Policy ESD 11). I cannot find any mention of the CTA, or how enhancements will be used to help achieve the CTA targets. This should be addressed.

Please let me know when this information is provided and I will reassess.

Kind regards, Megan Belanger

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**Attachments**