

Consultee Comment for planning application 23/03139/REM

Application Number	23/03139/REM
Location	Land Adjoining Withycombe Farmhouse Stratford Road Drayton
Proposal	Reserved Matters Application (layout, scale, appearance and landscaping) for 22/02101/OUT - 250 dwellings, public open space, landscaping and associated supporting infrastructure at Land Adjoining Withycombe Farmhouse, South of Banbury Rise, Banbury.
Case Officer	Lewis Knox
Organisation	Ecology (CDC)
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Address	Cherwell District Council Bodicote House White Post Road Bodicote Banbury OX15 4AA
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Comments	<p>Regarding this Reserved Matters Application for 250 dwellings, public open space, landscaping and associated supporting infrastructure - more ecological information should be submitted.</p> <p>The outline application has conditions for a lighting plan, LEMP, precautionary clearance for birds, and BNG of at least 20%. However there are a few matters in the Ecological Assessment that have not been addressed with these conditions. In particular, the mitigation and enhancement recommendation for badgers (section 5.3.11-5.3.19) should be conditioned. Due to the transitory/mobile nature of badgers, and the fact that there are badger setts on and near the site, we should also condition that an update walkover survey for badgers is carried out no sooner than six-weeks prior to commencement of vegetation clearance or groundworks. If the surveys find that any groundworks will come within 30m of a badger sett, a badger licence will be required.</p> <p>The Biodiversity Net Gain Assessment includes screenshots of the BNG metric - however, the actual metric (excel format) should be provided so that it can be assessed in more detail. There are some details included about habitat management in the Ecological Appraisal. However, I would like to see how the proposed habitats will be created and managed long-term. This is necessary to ensure that the condition specified for each habitat is accurate and can be achieved within the required timeframe. Is there a management plan for these habitats?</p> <p>There is a plan for proposed ecological enhancements (bird/bat bricks and hedgehog gaps) provided with this application. CDC seeks the equivalent of at least 1 bird/bat brick on each dwelling (these can be clustered). However, the plan does not appear to include a sufficient number of bat/bird bricks. I would request that a plan showing that a sufficient number of enhancement features will be installed - including details of location and orientation - is provided.</p> <p>Please let me know when the above information has been submitted, or if you have any questions.</p> <p>Kind regards, Megan Belanger</p>
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