

# Consultee Comment for planning application 24/02058/F

<b>Application Number</b>	24/02058/F
<b>Location</b>	Land to the North of Anniversary Avenue Graven Hill Bicester OX25 2BF
<b>Proposal</b>	Full application for the proposed erection of a two storey building to form a 66 no. bedroom care home for older people with parking, access, landscaping and associated ground works.
<b>Case Officer</b>	Laura Bell
<b>Organisation</b>	Ecology (CDC)
<b>Name</b>	
<b>Address</b>	Cherwell District Council Bodicote House White Post Road Bodicote Banbury OX15 4AA
<b>Type of Comment</b>	Object
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<b>Comments</b>	<p>Paragraph 4.2.3 of the Biodiversity Net Gain Baseline Assessment states "As per the Statutory Biodiversity Metric User Guide (2023) advice, where habitats on Site have recently been destroyed or degraded and it has been decided to use pre-degradation habitats as the Site's baseline (as is recommended), a precautionary approach has been taken to recording the habitats previously present."</p> <p>Can clarification please be provided as to why the clearance event in 2022, shown on historic imagery has not been factored into the metric assessment.</p> <p>The Biodiversity Net Gain Baseline Assessment shows all individual trees as being retained; however, the Tree Protection and Removal Plan appears to show two trees on the northern boundary being removed. Can clarification be provided please.</p> <p>Rule 2 of the Statutory Biodiversity Metric User Guide (Defra July 2024) states that "Biodiversity unit outputs, for each type of unit, must not be summed, traded, or converted between types. The requirement to deliver at least a 10% net gain applies to each type of unit." Therefore a 10% net gain is required for the watercourse units as well.</p> <p>Regarding the Preliminary Ecological Appraisal, the results of the eDNA testing are required so that CDC can fully assess the impact on protected species.</p> <p>A Biodiversity Enhancement Method Statement should be provided to outline recommendations for protected species including reptiles, nesting birds, bats, amphibians and hedgehogs.</p>
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<b>Attachments</b>	