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Subject: RE: Consultation - Bicester Eco Town Exemplar Site, Caversfield, Oxfordshire - Ecology and Landscape Management Plan

Hi Sue

This is a joint response from Charlotte (Watkins) and me -

In terms of the specific habitat and species management aims, objectives and prescriptions as well as the timetable for monitoring, the ELMP is comprehensive and clearly states that management and monitoring will continue for the life of the proposed development – and so new plans will be produced on a 15 year cycle.

However, most importantly there is no mention of funding to ensure that all of the management and monitoring can be realised. The Biodiversity Strategy required "an appropriate mechanism and funding package to ensure that the measures outlined in the ELMP can be delivered in perpetuity".

The Biodiversity Strategy also sets out a number of options for mechanisms to ensure delivery of the ELMP (page 20) but no mention of these is made in this final draft.

The ELMP should include details of a funding package in order to safeguard the future management of features of benefit to biodiversity on this site.

This funding package should specifically provide for an ecologist to be retained for the life of the proposed development who should report to the steering group at its annual meeting and confirm that the management and monitoring timetables have been kept to and, if this has not been possible, explain why and what changes have been made.

Also members of the steering group should be able to invite other organisations to meetings as and when required.

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