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**Subject:** RE: 19/00616/OUT - Cala Homes, Fritwell

Hello James

I find the summary calculations to be confusing (but this is a function of the TVERC metric) adding up the scores however it seems there is an existing 2.657 biodiversity units and they are proposing 3.39 biodiversity units which would lead to a reasonable level of net gain.

It is not clear from the amended illustrative layout however where the proposed features of open water and marginal vegetation (which the gain relies on) could go bearing in mind the need for LAPs etc.. Do they have some idea of this? Whilst I understand that the layout is illustrative at this stage we need to be sure it can be 'fitted in'. It also now shows some of the land now put to a paddock – is that to be managed by the development? grazed? I assume this forms the proposed semi-improved grassland as part of their proposed habitat enhancement.

In addition I note that close boarded fencing is proposed for many of the gardens and the applicants should be aware that these and any boundary walls must include gaps at the base for mammals to go through (i.e. 'hedgehog highways' ) to ensure hedgehogs in particular can still move through the site. As a Section 41 species we must have regard to their conservation and such provisions are important to maintain foraging ability.

At least the equivalent of one bat/bird provision (box, brick) should be provided on site in line with CDC recommendations.

The rest of my comments from June still stand.

Please get back to me if there are any queries on the above regarding conditions.

Kind regards

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Hi Charlotte

Please find attached a biodiversity calculation on this. It is on DEF also and I sent through an amended consultation a couple of days ago. I would appreciate your comments bearing in mind this is an outline application?

Kind regards

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