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Subject: Additional Ecology Information for App PL/2022/03103

Dear Lynda

Apologies if you've received this already, I've heard from others cc'd that they didn't receive the previous email I sent so I'm resending to make sure.

Just as a quick introduction, we've been instructed by the applicants to provide some additional ecology support in respect of outstanding comments made by Elizabeth Burrows. This is attached in the form of a short technical note and appended results of a habitat condition assessment undertaken on site of the neutral grassland.

This condition assessment (in the core season) demonstrates that the previous grassland assessments remain an accurate representation of the value of the grassland on site, and that the assessment of the grassland as 'poor' as part of the submitted biodiversity net gain calculator was correct. With regard to net gain/no net loss, discussions are in progress with the Environment Bank who now have a live habitat bank in Wiltshire to secure credits to achieve no net loss (securing of three credits within the County would lead to a net gain). This is subject to the associate agreements but demonstrates that there is a mechanism available to make sure that no net loss is achieved.

Aside from minor clarifications, the crux of the remaining comments relate to the mitigation hierarchy and compliance with CP50. As I set out in the attached, I think it is important to note that CP50 does not require avoidance as an absolute and does acknowledge that compensation may be required – and is acceptable. Ultimately it is a matter of planning balance as to whether the other benefits of development outweigh the need to compensate – whilst bearing in mind that no net loss is still achieved.

I hope this is all clear and happy to discuss if necessary or if it would help.

Kind regards

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