Wiltshire Council Planning Consultation Response

ECOLOGY

Officer name:	Jenna Buss
Date:	7/12/2023
Application number:	PL/2023/05679
Proposal:	Creation of a wildlife dew pond 10 x 14m on an area of improved grassland.
Site address:	Manor Farm, Fifield Bavant, Salisbury, SP5 5HT
Case officer:	Jonathan Maidman

Recommendations:

	No Comment
	Support
x	No objection
	Condition (no objection subject to conditions)
	Objection - further information required
	Objection in principle
	HRA completed

Thank you for consulting Ecology, I have reviewed the application and supporting documents against OS Maps and aerial photography of the site and surrounding area, together with GIS layers of statutory and non-statutory sites and existing records of protected species.

The following submitted documentation was reviewed to inform this response:

- Preliminary Ecological Appraisal for Pond Creation, undated. Black Sheep Countryside Management.

Matters Considered:
We note the proposal to create a Wildlife Pond as part of the Farming in Protected Landscapes project. The site falls within both the River Avon SAC Catchment and within the Chilmark Quarries Bat SAC 6km Buffer Zone.

Hampshire River Avon Catchment
This development falls within the catchment of the River Avon SAC and has potential to cause adverse effects alone or in combination with other developments through discharge of phosphorus in wastewater. A test of likely significance has been carried out by the relevant Competent Authority (Wiltshire Council) as required by Regulation 63 Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended). This concluded that as the proposals are for the creation of a small dew pond approximately 2km from the nearest watercourse, there is no mechanism for adverse effect and operational impacts would be de-minimis.

Chilmark Quarries Barbastelle 6km Bat SAC
The development falls within the 6km Barbastelle Buffer Zone for the Chilmark Quarries Bat SAC and has potential cause to cause adverse effects alone or in combination with other developments through destruction/disturbance of bat roosts and/or foraging and commuting routes. A test of likely significance has been carried out by the relevant Competent Authority

(Wiltshire Council) as required by Regulation 63 Conservation of Habitats and Species (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019. This concluded that given the scale and nature of the development and that sensitive features within the buffer zone will not be impacted, there is no mechanism for adverse effect and operational impacts would be de-minimus.

Final sign off – all matters addressed:

Ecologist Jenna Buss	Date 07/12/2023