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Consultation - PL/2026/01485

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Dear Nina

I have not been able to submit this comment on the portal, as it does not appear to be accepting comments. Hence, I am sending it you direct.

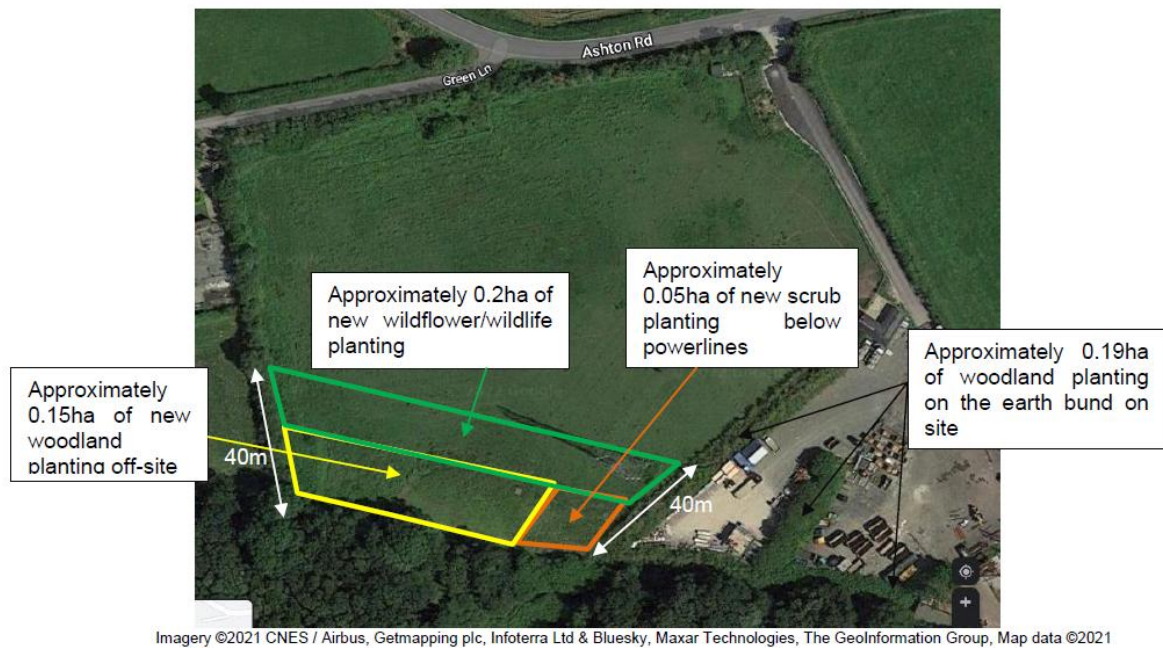
Many thanks,

Nikki

Steeple Ashton Parish Council objects to the use of the Prior Notification protocol for the following reasons:

1. The site is not in agricultural use, it is equestrian. This is confirmed in the owners previous planning application, 21/01043/FUL, where the mitigation statement confirms that this field is a horse grazing field with a stable building.
2. The site is next to a nature reserve and in the red zone of the Trowbridge and Westbury Bat Mitigation Strategy;
3. The site is only 175m from the nearest house (Woodside Farm, Green Lane, BA14 6DU);
4. The parcel of land is 2.5 Ha, of which a significant area has already been committed to mitigate previous development of the yards to the south, see below. The Parish Council further questions if this mitigation planting has occurred?

Figure 2 – Additional Planting areas off-site (highlighted) – accessed on 20/10/2022



For the above reasons, Steeple Ashton PC contends that this application is not suitable for the Prior Information process and the applicant should submit a full planning application.