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Thanks, from my POV I am happy with the discussions as set out below

Regards

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Dear all,

Thanks very much for your time this afternoon in discussing the feedback received through the recent consultation response. I now write to clarify the outcomes of the meeting and the proposed actions to be taken through the forthcoming planning process;

Breeding Birds

- It was agreed that Richard Pash (at GE Consulting) would share the SEWBREC data and he is now contacting them see if they can make this available
- The lack of specific bird survey data was acknowledged, but it was agreed that the site does have the potential do deliver benefits to certain bird species through improved hedgerows and a change in land management regime

- With this in mind, it was suggested that the areas to the south of the site which are now shown undeveloped (proposed for wild flower planting) could be managed to favour the interests of particular bird species, including Barn Owl.
- It was suggested that the specific land management applied here could be controlled through the Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (LEMP) and that the final LEMP would be agreed through consultation with the LPA and the County Ecologist
- Similarly, the proposed management of the buffer zones would also be controlled in this manner, and these would potentially be managed to suit a different species mix
- Importantly, it was agreed that further bird survey work was not essential at this stage of the planning process

Fungi

- Colin explained the rationale behind these comments and described the plight of this fungi species across Wales, often resulting from unintentional neglect or an oversight of such impacts
- We discussed the prospective impacts resulting from the development (and in particular the pile driven foundations). It is understood that the management of the land will be a key factor in whether impacts can be appropriately mitigated
- Therefore, it was agreed that the management of this land would also be stipulate under the LEMP, in consultation with VoG who would have ultimate responsibility for discharging any related planning condition
- It was agreed that such management would be informed by a pre-commencement survey of the land to identify areas where the species was present. This survey would be carried out at the post consent stage to inform the discharge of the planning condition.

Planning Process

- In order to respond to the comments made through the consultation exercise, it was agreed that we would reference these in the Applicant's Hearing Statement to be submitted to PINS during the forthcoming Planning Examination period and prior to the Hearing sessions which are envisaged. This would explain the proposed approach to addressing these issues, in order to inform the Inspector that these can be satisfactorily resolved.
- The guidance permits all parties invited to a hearing session to submit a Hearing Statement (Max. 3000 words), and it is envisaged that the LPA's hearing statement would be consistent with the Applicant's Hearing Statement on these issues, thus confirming the proposed resolution.


In light of the above, it is not proposed that the applicant will seek to request any amendments to the DNS application during the ten-day window for amendments which runs until 12th August 2021.

I trust that I have accurately set out a shared understanding of the current position as discussed on our call. Please let me know if you think I have misinterpreted or omitted any important points of relevance to the application.

Many thanks,


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