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Dear Ribble Valley Council

Application 3/2024/1020 Enlargement of Car Park, St Cecillas RC High School Chapel Hill Longridge

Thank you for consulting the Ecology Unit on the above planning application.

I would raise no objections to the proposals on Ecology grounds, and I would accept that the development could achieve the required Net Gain in Biodiversity, as set out in the Extended Preliminary Ecological Assessment and the Biodiversity Metric provided in support of the application.

I would advise that the small area of lowland meadow to be created will require appropriate management if the area is to be sustainable. I would therefore agree with the advice in the Ecological Assessment that -

'[the meadow] will be maintained by an annual cut and topping up seeding as appropriate. It is imperative that the newly imported soil does not contain alien weeds, shrubs, garden plants or waste debris. It is imperative that the site is managed as a wildflower meadow with suitable signage to ensure it does not simply become part of the mown amenity grassland of the school. So the grass will be cut last time in April and then again in September and over the autumn if so wished, but not in late spring or summer'

The management of the meadow grassland which will provide part of the required BNG should be secured by Condition.

Hedgehogs have been recorded on the site. I would agree with the advice that any drainage modifications required by the scheme should be covered to prevent Hedgehogs falling in when they are out and about at night.

Yours

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