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App 3/2025/0153 - Land rear of 8-9 Stoneygate Lane Ribchester

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

I would accept that the proposals will not affect any notable habitats and are unlikely to affect any specially protected or notable species. I would advise that the proposed tree planting could achieve the required Biodiversity Net Gain. I therefore have no objections to the application on Ecology grounds.

I would advise –

- That the statutory BNG Condition will apply to any permission which may be granted to the application, to require the pre-commencement submission of a final Biodiversity Gain Plan.
- A Habitat Management and Monitoring Plan for the tree planting should also be secured by Condition.
- There is a pond within 100m of the application site, and the application site could support amphibians, although it does not represent optimal terrestrial habitat. To avoid any direct harm to amphibians during any site clearance or construction works, a Reasonable Avoidance Method Statement should be required to be prepared by Condition. The RAMS should provide details of how any harm to amphibians is to be avoided during construction works.
- If any trees or lengths of hedgerow need to be removed to facilitate access, vegetation removal should be undertaken outside of the optimum time of year for bird nesting (March to August inclusive). All nesting birds their eggs and young are protected under the terms of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended)
- The site would benefit from the installation of bird nesting and bat roosting boxes on the new stable block (one of each).

I hope that these comments are useful

Yours
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