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

I would raise no overall objections to the proposals on Ecology grounds.

I would accept that the development could achieve an overall net gain in biodiversity of at least 10% on-site by enhancing grassland and new tree planting. Although I would not regard the habitats to be created as significant, and therefore a comprehensive 30-year Habitat Management and Monitoring Plan is not required, nevertheless the habitat creation is important.

The grassland enhancement and tree planting should be secured by means of a Condition requiring the preparation and submission of a simple landscape management plan describing how the habitats will be created and helped to establish. Information provided in the Biodiversity Net Gain Report provided to inform the planning application could form the basis of this landscape plan.

Yours

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