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Subject: RE: 23/01144/FUL - Matt Jedruch - Ecology Comments

Good evening,

23/01144/FUL | Construction of a 72 bedroom residential care home (C2) and associated solar panel, access, parking and landscaping (Cross boundary application with Charnwood Borough Council) | Land Off Leicester Road Markfield Leicestershire LE67 9RE

I still have major concerns over the application and do feel like the grassland has been undervalued with a lack of justification as to why it's not mapped as lowland meadow and why there was a lack of quadrats in the northern field. I have had confirmation from the records centre that this whole site is now allocated as a candidate Local Wildlife Site based on the species recorded over both fields with a designation for mesotrophic / mixed grassland.

Kind regards,

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I have reviewed the ecological assessments produced by Brindle and Green. As raised within the pre-app comments, I am concerned with the development as the quality of the habitats present are very good, with potential Local Wildlife Site quality grassland present. Whilst the best quality grassland will be retained, I am concerned that the rest of the grassland has been too readily dismissed given there are still good quality indicator species present. I'm not sure why only two quadrats were selected in the northern section of the site, and no quadrats in the centre of site? Can it be clarified if the species listed within Table 12 are from the whole site or just species within the quadrats?

Please can the excel version of the Biodiversity Net Gain metric be submit along with the condition assessments? From the report it appears that only 'other neutral grassland' has been recorded, but 'lowland meadow' is likely a

more appropriate category for the pLWS quality grassland. Detailed maps would also be useful showing the location of the UKHab habitats and conditions recorded.

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