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Subject: 23/00824/OUT - Tim Hartley - Ecology Comments

Good evening,

23/00824/OUT | Outline Planning permission for the construction of up to 7 dwellings and garages (re-submission of 22/01181/OUT) | Land Barwell Road Kirkby Mallory Leicestershire

I have no further comments to make than those made on the previous application:

I have reviewed the Ecological Assessment Survey produced by Wildlife Consultants Limited (August 2021). No evidence of protected species was recorded and the majority of the survey area had lower value habitats. Given the site and habitats present, Biodiversity Net Gain should be achievable given the extent of the land ownership. The boundary hedgerows are higher value habitats which need protecting. There is potential for nesting birds within vegetation, which will also need mitigating. Enhancements should include wildflower grassland (this will likely be required to the land to the west of the development), the incorporation of integrated bird and bat boxes, and native planting.

With the reserved matters application I will need to see measurable net gain, therefore a Biodiversity Net Gain Metric in version 3.1 (or the most recent version) will need to be provided.

I recommend that the following condition is attached to any planning permission:

- No development (including vegetation clearance) shall take place until an ecological mitigation, compensation and enhancement strategy has been submitted to and approved in writing by the LPA. These measures shall include but are not limited to native planting, wildflower grassland creation, and integrated bird and bat boxes within the new properties. The measures should also achieve measurable Biodiversity Net Gain. Any mitigation, compensation or enhancement measures need to be clearly shown on all relevant submitted plans/elevations. All works are to proceed strictly in accordance with the approved scheme.*

Kind regards,

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