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Subject: 25/00931/FUL - Cliffe Hill Farm Little Shaw Lane Markfield

Good morning Emma,

Thank you for providing National Forest-Related Green Infrastructure Rev P02 ('the plan' for the purposes of this response) for our consideration.

Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding to you. I also would like to apologise for not finding capacity to meet with you as requested.

National Forest planting

As previously identified, there is a requirement for this development to deliver 8.47ha of National Forest planting, with woodland and scrub amounting to half of this. We previously recommend areas where we considered additional woodland and scrub could be achieved. The plan has shown some additional woodland and scrub in some of the areas we suggested, but there is still scope to achieve more noting that the 30% is a minimum requirement and significant tree loss is being proposed.

In respect of the plan, not all the green infrastructure elements can be considered National Forest planting. For example, the drainage ponds will not be considered, and nor will narrow strips/small areas of planting adjacent to roads or buildings, hedgerows, amenity grass, flowering meadow mix without significant tree planting.

However, the plan indicates 4.27ha of woodland and scrub planting which amounts to half the National Forest planting requirement. This combined with areas of individual tree planting which are adjacent to the woodland and scrub planting looks to achieve a compliant area of National Forest planting (although I can't measure this accurately).

We previously asked for a higher percentage of trees in the woodland mix and for this to be planted at 2metres centres. This has been shown.

Tree loss

Our previous comments raising concerns about tree loss remain relevant. As advised previously, mitigation planting for tree removal must be in addition to the National Forest planting provision. As identified there appears to be scope for more woodland and scrub planting on site if additional mitigation is required.

Landscape and Visual Appraisal

Our previous comments concerning the landscape and visual impact of the scheme remain relevant.

I hope this is useful.

Kind Regards

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