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Subject: 23/00673/OUT - Matt Jedruch - Ecology Comments

Good evening,

23/00673/OUT | Residential development of up to 343 dwellings (Class C3), including provision of public open space, associated infrastructure and all matters (access only) (re-submission of 22/01037/OUT) reserved except access. | Land Opposite And South Of Pumping Station Aston Flamville Road Burbage Leicestershire

Our comments remain similar from the previous application for the site, with the exception of updated eDNA surveys which all returned negative results. The Biodiversity Net Gain calculations also currently show a net loss for the site therefore it will need to be demonstrated how this will be offset at the Reserved Matters Stage.

As this is an outline application, an Ecological Constraints and Opportunities Plan (ECOP) would be my one recommended Condition. The main purpose of this document is to inform and lead the overall design process. It should show the key biodiversity constraints and opportunities associated with the development as currently proposed. The ECOP should identify the following, in accordance with BS 42020:2013 Clause 5.4:

1. Areas and features including appropriate buffer areas that, by virtue of their importance, should be retained and avoided by both construction activities and the overall footprint of the development.
2. Areas and features where opportunities exist to undertake necessary mitigation and compensation.
3. Areas and features with potential for biodiversity enhancement, in line with the submitted Defra metric.
4. Areas where ongoing ecological management is required to prevent deterioration in condition during construction/implementation.
5. Areas needing protection on site and/or in adjacent areas (e.g. from physical damage on site or pollution downstream) during the construction process.
6. Areas where biosecurity measures are necessary to manage the risk of spreading pathogens or non-native invasive species.

The ECOP will become an 'approved document' of any outline permission granted and any reserved matters application must be designed in accordance with the ECOP.

Kind regards,

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