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Subject: DM/25/1240

Hi Stefan,

I'm reviewing DM/25/1240 and have some queries regarding the ecological information.

The report provided appears to be a landscape-led response to a Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (PEA) authored by a different ecologist. However, the original PEA has not been submitted, which means we have no baseline information on protected species, habitat assessments, or the ecological constraints that informed the mitigation strategy. Without this, it's not possible to verify whether the proposed measures are appropriate or sufficient.

In addition, while the current report references Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG), it does not include the Statutory Biodiversity Metric – Calculation Tool or a Habitat Baseline Map. These documents are essential to validate the claimed net gain and assess long-term deliverability. It's clear that the BNG proposals originated from the second ecologist, but that information has not been submitted either.

Unless the original PEA and full BNG documentation are provided, this application will need to be placed under a holding objection. Please could you send the missing information to me directly.

Thank you,

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