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Subject: RE: Chasing responses for DM/25/2195, DM/25/3118 and DM/26/0568

Hi Hamish,

DM/25/2195:

I have reviewed the reptile method statement (March 2026) and Biodiversity Enhancement Strategy (March 2026) which have been submitted to address the recommended conditions within Ecology Place Services consultation response (submitted 5 March 2026). These reports meet the requirements of both conditions and I would recommend that these reports are secured as part of the approved documents or via a separate compliance condition. For example:

1. ACTION REQUIRED ECOLOGICAL MITIGATION AND ENHANCEMENTS

"All mitigation and enhancement measures and/or works shall be carried out in accordance with the details contained in the [reptile method statement (March 2026) and Biodiversity Enhancement Strategy (March 2026) as already submitted with the planning application and agreed in principle with the local planning authority prior to determination.

Reason: *To conserve and enhance protected and Priority species and allow the LPA to discharge its duties under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended), the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) and s40 of the NERC Act 2006 (as amended).*

DM/25/3118:

I have reviewed the Biodiversity Enhancement Scheme (eas ltd, March 2026) and am broadly satisfied with the updated recommendations. However, I would recommend that a map outlining the locations of the proposed enhancement measures should be included. Therefore, please send a formal re-consultation to our ecology inbox when this additional information has been submitted.

DM/26/0568:

I currently in the process of writing a HRA - Appropriate Assessment for a Minerals and Waste Local Plan and deadline is for this Monday. Therefore, I am only really likely to be able to provide comments by the 28th April at the earliest.

DM/26/0696:

No problem, I will hold off providing comments until the metric is received. This is the only outstanding matter, but the applicant's ecologist is proposing blue line boundary to address their BNG issues which would need a 30-year legal agreement as part of the Biodiversity Gain Condition. Therefore, I will suggest that the preferred option will be to secure off-site units from a habitat bank registered on the biodiversity gain site register.

Regards,

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