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Jane

Our ecologist has reviewed the neighbour representations from 1 May 2024 and considered whether or not these affect the conclusions of the ecology work or the update in my email to you earlier this week. Her response is set out below:

“I’ve had a read through, and my conclusions still remain valid. The woodland is optimal terrestrial habitat for GCN and therefore any population within the woodland ponds are unlikely to commute onto the development site habitats. The PEA noted that ‘the proposed works are likely to be restricted to the main fields rather than the boundaries, therefore further surveys for GCN on most of the surrounding ponds are not considered necessary.’ The pond on the site itself was the only one deemed necessary to test, which come back negative for a GCN population (and the data is still valid until April 2025).

As a precautionary measure, we could provide a Reasonable Avoidance Measure document specifically for GCN which can be secured through a planning condition. This will mainly be focused on any works which might be required to the boundaries as this is really the only habitat on site suitable for the species.

In terms of the fungi; no woodland habitats will be removed as part of the proposed development and therefore these won’t be impacted and will likely remain present within the adjacent woodland post-development.

I hope that helps but please drop me a call if you’d like to discuss.

Kindest regards,

Sam Wanner CIEEM

Head of Ecology, Associate Director”

Please let me know if you require anything further.

Best wishes

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