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Sent: 22 January 2025 13:18
To: Naomi Reynard
Subject: RE: 24/02600/DOC at Land Adjacent To Oaklea And South Of Cowards Lane
Codicote Hertfordshire SG4 8UN

Importance: High

Hi Naomi,

I have received amended plans and documents to address the comments on condition 19. Please see link – [Home Page - Croudace File Distribution Service](#)

Comment 1 – Regarding the grass-cutting;

'The mitigation state that the maintenance of a varied sward height will be achieved through the annual cut. The proposal for that cut is to restrict the depth of the cut to no more than 15cm. Further details are required as to how condition assessment criteria 2 will be fully achieved'

Response: This comment relates to 'Other Neutral Grasslands' on page 12 of the LEMP. Criteria 2 is 'Sward height is varied (at least 20% of the sward is less than 7 cm and at least 20 per cent is more than 7 cm) creating microclimates which provide opportunities for insects, birds and small mammals to live and breed.' The submitted LEMP (Rev A) targeted this criteria, along with 3 other criteria so that the 'moderate' condition is achieved through management. The ecologist is right to point out that criteria 2 could not be achieved seeing as the management method stated on page 14, prescribes a cut of no less than 15cm. Therefore, in the revised LEMP (Rev B) criteria 2 is no longer targeted. However, the 3 other targeted criteria are sufficient to achieve 'moderate' for this habitat type. (See attached LEMP Document)

Comment 2: Hedgehog holes provided. See attached plan.

I hope the above and attached drawings are satisfactory for condition discharge.

Kind regards,
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Engineer
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