
From: Mike Bird <mike.bird@calyx-environmental.co.uk>
Sent: 06 November 2020 23:57
To: Andy Watt
Subject: RE: DM/20/2877

Hi Andy,

The reptile report is fine and will be needed to inform the mitigation compensation measures as per my recommended conditions. Early consideration should be given by the applicant to the timescales needed for habitat works to improve suitability in the northern site as well as corresponding habitat manipulation within areas to be cleared to discourage reptiles from using them. Manual relocation / translocation should only be used as a last resort to prevent direct killing or injury of individual animals. The results of research published this year⁽¹⁾ casts considerable doubt about any conservation benefit from translocating reptiles, although any adult grass snakes are already likely to be using the wider area in any case .

¹ D. J. Nash, N. Humphries & R. A. Griffiths (2020) . Effectiveness of translocation in mitigating reptile-development conflict in the UK. Conservation Evidence 17, 7-11 7

Kind regards,

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Dear Mike

Could you please confirm, for completeness, that you are happy with the attached reptile survey.

Many thanks

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Dear Andy

I attach the completed reptile report that was referred to in the submissions made with the original application. This was referenced at 8.6 of the supporting planning statement. It is presented for completeness, it does not alter the overall conclusions of the ecology report.

As anticipated from earlier surveys on the site, the level of reptile activity on the site is very low, but this information will be useful in the formulation of suitable avoidance and mitigation measures.

I note the response from Mike Bird was that he had no objection to the application on biodiversity issues, and has advised on conditions, so mitigation is already assumed as forming part of a suitable scheme of development.

Kind regards,
Lisa

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