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Lisa

Please find comments regarding**,**

Planning application SMD/2016/ 0314 Proposed change of use of existing agricultural land into a pond CAVERSWALL COMMON LANE, Caerswall.

The planning application has no accompanying ecological assessment of the site or surounding land where the proposed pond is to be located and cannot be determined until this has been received.

As a minimum I would expect a Preliminary Ecological Survey carried out to standards advocated by the Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management. This include a desktop and site based assessment to assess impacts for protected, priority species and habitats.

The creation of a pond offers considerable potential to create habitats that would benefit biodiversity. Ponds and pond creation are UK and Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan priorities. Pond design should detail how features will benefit biodiversity in terms of size, shape, planting and long-term management. In addition linkage into other habitats such as hedges or species rich grassland and the location of the pond in relation to other nearby ponds must be considered. A suitably qualified ecologist should provide details as part of the application following site assessment.

Policy NE1 of the Staffordshire Moorlands Adopted Core Strategy:
Ensuring development promotes the appropriate maintenance, enhancement or restoration and/ or recreation
biodiversity through its proposed nature, scale, location and design

Regards

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