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Hi Consultation response for logging and web please.
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SMD/2019/0607

Eaves Farm, Eaves Lane, Armshead, Staffordshire, ST2 8LY

Erection of 2 no portal framed agricultural building for livestock and hay storage.

Staffordshire Wildlife Trust has been asked to review the above application as part of a service level agreement with Staffordshire Moorlands District Council to provide ecology advice regarding planning and development management functions.

The following information has been viewed: Application information for SMD/2019/0607, along with Preliminary Ecological Appraisal August 2019 by Absolute Ecology and Decision Notice for SMD/2019/0338.

SUMMARY – NO OBJECTION subject to CLARIFICATION and CONDITIONS

There is no objection to the proposals but we would ask that information is provided to confirm appropriate mitigation for the loss of semi improved grassland habitat can be achieved, especially taking into account the approved landscaping proposals under condition 14 for SMD/2019/0388.

Subject to clarification, suggested conditions to include landscaping and mammal protection during construction.

Notes for Case Officer:

HABITATS

Whilst there is no objection to the proposals, it appears the location the proposed livestock building, adjacent to the menage, will be constructed on land that forms part of already approved landscaping plans under condition 14 for SMD/2019/0388.

The landscaping in this area forms part of the mitigation required for the removal of approx. 800m^2 of poor semi improved grassland habitat to create the menage as part of SMD/2019/0388.

The new livestock building appears to cover an area of approx.150m^2 in which case there would be still be an overall loss of poor semi improved grassland as a result of the proposals, which requires mitigation.

Given the nature of the site, we would anticipate alternative provision of grassland/wildflower meadow would be readily achievable but would advise details are clarified prior to approval.

Mitigation:

Any landscaping relating to the proposed development should encompass native tree and shrub

species to encourage foraging potential for species. No plant species listed on Schedule 9 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 should be planted during any landscaping within this development. For further details of Schedule 9 plants visit the Defra website: www.defra.gov.uk/wildlife-pets/non-native.

The provision of grassland, wildflower meadow, native planting of trees and hedgerows as part of landscaping plans to mitigate the loss of grassland area should form conditions as part of any approval.

SPECIES

Brown Hare
The Preliminary Ecological Appraisal submitted with the previous application (SMD/2019/0338) identifies buildings and hard standing on site are not suitable for brown hare, however the surrounding habitats of arable farmland is considered optimal for this species, with no dispersal barriers present.

Mitigation - Any excavations left open overnight should be fitted with a mammal ladder (piece of wood) to allow all mammals ease of escape.

We would recommend mitigation should be secured via condition as part of any approval.

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