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Subject: SMD/2021/0220 Lower Whitemore Farm

Dear Ailsa,

Thank you for the updated information. We now have **no objection subject to a condition to cover the following:**

Birds - As per section 6.1.3 of the ecology report, it is recommended that a check for nesting birds of the building and vegetation to be cleared is conducted prior to works commencing. This will be necessary as the plans are to demolish the buildings in March/April 2022.

Documents reviewed:

- 2081-Drawing Issue Sheet-PL
- 2081-Orchard Information-Rev-0
- 20810-PL-101-E
- 20810-PL-115-D
- 20810-PL-116-D
- Arboricultural Report (Dec 21)
- Tree Protection & Retention Plan (Dec 21)
- CEMP (15 Dec 21)
- Supplementary Ecological Information (2 Dec 21)

The above documents cover our previous points, including:

- Drainage information.
- Details on level changes/spoil disposal.
- CEMP
- Arboricultural Report and Root Protection Plan
- Supplementary Ecological Information, including:
 - Net gain via enhancements
 - Additional habitat information, including the orchard (no longer existing).
 - GCN RAMS
 - Mammal RAMS
 - Bird box specification
 - Bats – 3 tests and additional compensation information.
 - Lighting scheme.

It is a shame that the historic orchard is no longer present, but we welcome plans to plant further fruit trees. The proposed enhancements are suitable to secure a net gain. Our other concerns have been suitably covered within the additional documents.

Regarding bird and bat mitigation/ enhancements, perhaps the outbuildings in the western end of the site could also be used to provide additional habitat features if restored.

Regards,

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