

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.

Following a review of the Statutory Biodiversity Metric (SBM) we have a HOLDING OBJECTION as the metric requires amendment. The ecologists have used the incorrect condition sheet for the tall forb habitat type. The 'sparsely vegetated land - tall forbs' should be assessed against the urban condition assessment sheet (number 22) rather than the sparsely vegetated land condition assessment sheet (number 21), which they have done. Therefore, the ecologist will need to reassess the tall forb habitat against the urban condition sheet to obtain the correct condition, which may alter the unit value of the metric.

In addition, following the receipt of the amended SBM, we would like to see a Habitat Management and Monitoring Plan (HMMP) for the application, using the Natural England template submitted to show how the site will be managed for 30 years.

Regards

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