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Dear Richard

Thank you for sharing the modified illustrative sections (Rev C) for the proposed planted screening bunds at Green Field BESS.

The ground form as proposed now appears in line with the suggestions I made in my recent modification to the Rev B bund cross sections. They are now broadly acceptable in principle now but I would welcome the opportunity to view more refined details further at the DCON stage (if approved).

As stated in previous notes the form of the bund is important for its early years when the whole Site will appear stark and new in the landscape. The bund will likely green up quickly, particularly if hydroseeding is used upon it but it will take between an estimated 6 to 8 years to start to lose sight to its ground form as a result of the proposed intervening natural scrub and woodland planting.

The Applicant is reminded of the fact that the planting on the bund should be carefully selected to be able to cope with potential water stress with it set further above the natural water table level and with increased run off from its sides. I cannot recall whether grass seeding is recommended for the bund as part of the landscape proposals and if so what type and broadcast method. I would however recommend sowing a grass cover on the bund to stabilise the bund's soil structure after formation and then planting tree and scrub stock through it. The grass will slowly be suppressed by the scrub planting as it develops.

I trust these comments assist your decision-making process and please come back to me should any of the matters raised spark other concerns or questions with you.

I am now on leave between Monday 11th May returning to work on Wednesday 20th May.

Best regards

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