

From: Jeremy Davy
Sent: 28 July 2008 16:21:15
To: Clive Inwards
Subject: RE: CMR, Burghfield: 08/00954/COMIND Ecology / Biodiversity

Clive,

I'm happy with John's replies with the exception of part b. This site is outside the red line and therefore the effects of the tree planting on this sites ecology have not been assessed. However, John is saying that value of the visual impact of the proposed tree planting is greater than the sites current ecological value - where is the justification for this statement, as it's not considered in the documentation? If this tree planting is crucial to this application, should it not have been in the planning application area? I also wonder whether 600mm of soil/sub soil is deep enough for the proposed trees to be planted on this site? What is the driver for the remediation of this site?

Regards

Jeremy

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From: Clive Inwards
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Jeremy,
 See below. Please let me know if you have any further comments.
 Thanks,
 Clive

-----Original Message-----

From: John Steele [mailto:John.Steele@awe.co.uk]
 Sent: 24 July 2008 16:35
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Clive

I refer to Jeremy Davy's email dated 30/06/08 and respond as follows:

a. Item 2: I have already responded in respect of the proposed planting on the site tip but will reiterate here. The site tip is subject to a requirement for remediation through the incorporation of over-capping: terram layer, 300mm subsoil and 300mm of top soil. This will impact upon the locally valuable in the context of AWE Burghfield ecology. Notwithstanding this remediation we believe that the need to mitigate the visual impact of the CMR building through the proposed tree planting in this location outweighs the potential impact upon this area of local value ecology;

b. Item 3: Appendix ii Landscape Strategy: I can confirm that AWE will

remove the Reed Canary Grass from the edge planting and replace Field Forget-me-not with Water Forget-me-not within the Shallows/ledge planting;

c. Item 4: I can confirm that AWE will erect a barn-owl and provide a hibernaculum near the SuDs scheme;

d. Item 5: Black Redstart nesting site and foraging areas. Opportunities will be difficult to provide in respect of the CMR planning application but AWE will provide a suitable nesting site and foraging area within the Mensa planning application;

e. Item 6: Energy: I will respond separately on this matter.

Please do not hesitate to contact come should you require any further clarification.

John Steele
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