

PLANNING COMMITTEE DATE: 30 October 2024

APPLICATION NO: F/YR24/0509/RM

SITE LOCATION: Land South Of 73-81, Upwell Road, March, Cambridgeshire

UPDATE - Response of CCC Ecology Officer to proposals

As set out in paragraphs 5.14 and 10.27 of the Committee Report, no response had been received from Cambridgeshire Ecology at the time of writing. The following response has now been received from the Ecology Officer on the 25th October 2024:

We welcome the submission of the landscape proposals, landscape and ecological management plan and lighting scheme.

The scheme incorporates biodiversity enhancements through provisions of native habitats and species within the landscape scheme, which will be managed for the benefit of biodiversity (as set out in the LEMP). The lighting scheme has minimised impact to biodiversity by avoiding illumination of the boundary habitats and areas of proposed habitat within the south-west area of the site.

Therefore, there are no ecological grounds to object to the proposals.

Officer Response: In light of the above advice from the County Council's Ecologist, it is considered that the conclusion reached in paragraph 10.28 of the Committee Report should remain unchanged and the response reinforces that conclusion. This being that subject to the implementation of the design measures the proposed street lighting design, with a dark corridor being maintained across the western boundary (where bats were positively identified during the survey) the details submitted can be discharged as part of this reserved matters application.

Recommendation: APPROVAL – The above update does not alter the original recommendation but reinforces the conclusion arrived at in paragraph 10.28 of the Committee Report.