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For the attention of Rachael Simpkin

Your ref: HPK/2022/0525

Our ref: DWTHPK685

25th April 2023

Dear Rachael

Proposal: Construction of Units for Industrial / Storage & Distribution uses, including associated Parking Areas

Location: Land Off, Graphite Way, Hadfield, Glossop, Derbyshire

Application Ref No: HPK/2022/0525

With reference to the above application, I am responding as the Biodiversity Planning Officer responsible for work relating to the Service Level Agreement, which the High Peak Borough Council and the Trust have signed. The following comments are aimed at providing accurate and up to date information on the nature conservation issues associated with the proposed development.

Response

The submitted Ecological Appraisal (Arbtech, February 2023) appears adequate in terms of protected species assessment. Precautionary site clearance measures are recommended and



can be secured via condition. Precautionary measures will also be required to safeguard the adjacent river, including a sensitive lighting scheme.

No biodiversity metric has been provided. The consultants have identified acid grassland on site and further botanical survey is recommended in the report to properly classify the habitat and determine if it comprises a Habitat of Principal Importance (S41, NERC Act 2006). This should be undertaken during late spring / summer and results inputted into the latest DEFRA metric (4.0) to quantify losses or gains, prior to determination. A strategy should be presented to achieve a net biodiversity gain, in line with planning policy.

Enhancements are recommended, which are welcomed, and could be secured via a condition for an enhancement plan. Condition wording can be provided once the botanical survey and metric have been completed.

It is hoped that the information provided is helpful to the Council. If you require any further information or wish to discuss any of the comments made, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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Endnote:

Please see our planning pages <https://www.derbyshirewildlifetrust.org.uk/planning> for ecological advice on submitting a planning application, finding an ecological consultant and information on mitigation and enhancement.