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Reference: Land at Stile House Lane, Leek

Dear Mr. Cadman,

This letter statement is in regard to comments made by the council for the development at Land at Stile House Lane, Leek, Staffordshire, ST13 7LF (OS Grid Reference: SK 00474 56868)

Baseline habitats

“existing hedgerow has been entered as ‘native hedgerow’ but should be entered as ‘native hedgerow with trees’”.

This has now been amended within the Metric and the report with the native hedgerow changed to native hedgerow with trees.

Tree sizes

“Information should be provided on the number or size of trees that have been entered into the baseline metric. The PEA report indicates that four large trees are present”.

The site consists of two medium trees and 3 small trees for a total size of 0.0855ha. This has been updated within the report and tree numbers and sizes have been referenced within the table in section 4.1.

Modified grassland size

“The area of retained modified grassland is stated as 0.74ha in the metric but 0.77ha in the report”

The 0.74 is referred to in section 5.1 in the “Changes to the Existing Baseline Habitat Retention” showing the reduction of the originally retained 0.77ha (as seen in section 4.1) to make way for the new habitats Elite Ecology have recommended.

EM2 seed mix

“It is not clear if the proposed EM2 seed mix to be applied to the edges of the menage has been included in the post-development metric”

Looking at the plans, this has never been proposed. The EM2 mix comes from the recommendations made by Elite Ecology within the report.

Post-Development habitat conditions

"No information has been provided to justify the condition of habitats at the post-development stage. This should be presented in the updated report".

A new section has been added to the report in section 5.2 to address habitat conditions post development.

If you have any queries on the above information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours Sincerely,

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