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High Peak Borough Council - Planning,
Buxton Town Hall, Market Place,
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Date 20th February 2025
Project Ref UG1795

Dear Rachel,

Re: Hogshaw Farm – Response to Derbyshire Wildlife Trust comments

Overall, we agree and accept all the ecology comments from the Derbyshire Wildlife Trust (DWT).

Biodiversity Net Gain Assessment and Biodiversity Enhancement Management Plan

DWT have raised concerns around the woodland attaining good condition onsite, and Peak Tree Consultancy had also recommended that the woodland was revisited within the landscape designs. These comments have been addressed within the landscape design resulting in a reduction in the amount of proposed woodland understory planting. As a result, we have reduced the condition of the proposed woodland down to poor within the BNG assessment. In addition, the pond has been reduced in size and partially reverted to a sustainable drainage feature – additional tree and wildflower meadow planting has been included to the west of this area (within the Local Wildlife Site) to mitigate for the partial removal of the pond from proposals.

The DWT noted that the BEMP and Ecological Enhancement Strategy overlapped and also differed in several key issues. This information has now been removed from the BEMP. The wording has also been amended to specify that monitoring reports should be provided to the local planning authority.

The Biodiversity Net Gain Assessment, Biodiversity Metric 3.1 Calculation and the Biodiversity Enhancement Management Plan have been updated and resubmitted alongside this response letter.

Please let me know if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,

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