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**To:** Planning ContactCentre  
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Hi There,

Please see my feedback below:

**Preliminary Ecological Appraisal**

None has been provided.

- A Natural Nature Reserve within 2km of the site
- There are Priority habitats for grassland, heathland, and woodland surrounding the site
- The site is adjacent to a woodland area (to the west) with good connections to surrounding wider habitats.

Further information is required prior to decision. Several records for protected and priority species and habitats are present within 1km of the site. A Preliminary Ecological Appraisal is therefore required prior to decision to assess the site habitats, the likely presence of protected and/or priority species, and the value of site habitats to protected and/or priority species.

**Biodiversity Net Gain**

The BNG report and metric indicates that a non-significant net gain (<0.5 biodiversity units increase) is to be achieved.

The report implies that a “native mixed scrub species mix” is to be used as part of habitat creation to achieve BNG. However, it is unlikely the mix will result in a moderate condition habitat.

Finally, the drawings and metric appear not aligned on which habitats will be present post development, particularly urban – unsealed surface – please can clarity be provided.

Further commentary from the application / ecologist is required.

Hope this helps. Please do let me know if there are any questions or comments.

Many thanks,

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