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Land at Ford Airfield Ford.

I have reviewed the updated Substitute IRM ecological protection and enhancement plan V9 submitted for F/14/24/RES and the ecological protection and enhancement plan – reserved matters phase 1 (north) v10 for F/15/24/RES.

Following revision of the Plans I have the following comments.

- Numbers for log piles have been provided 7 hibernacula, and 10 log/brush piles will be provided. The locations and specifications are acceptable.
- The number and locations of the hedgehog boxes is acceptable.
- Insect boxes – 11 boxes are proposed. I recommend not installing on trees within the existing vegetation. This is because of issues with earwigs and shading. It would be better to create free standing insect hotels within the wildflower meadows facing south or southwest. It would be good to include some free-standing insect hotels in St Mary's Meadow.
- The hedgehog highways clearly show how the hedgehogs can access the gardens, but it is not clear if they can access the wider environment,
- Spread throughout the green space's locations for One hibernation bat box are provided and 12 bat boxes. This is acceptable.
- Spread throughout the green space's locations for 11 bird nesting boxes spread across the site are provided. this is acceptable.

F/16/24/RES

Review of the ecological protection and enhancement plan – reserved matters phase 4 (south) V8 has provide revised plans for the locations of the ecological features including bat boxes, Swift and House martin nest boxes, Bee bricks, Hedgehog nest boxes, and free-standing insect boxes.

The types and locations of these features are acceptable.

Regards,

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