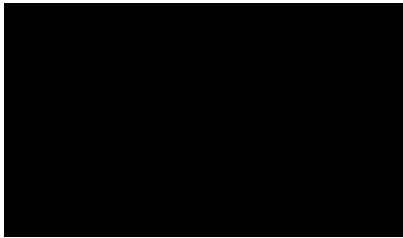


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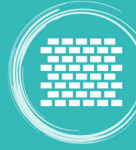
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I have reviewed this application with regards to ecology and Biodiversity Net Gain.

Recommendation: No objection subject to conditions.

The BNG report shows an increase of 12.46% in habitat units. This exceeds the mandatory 10% required.

The BNG report shows an increase of 10.90% in hedgerow units. This exceeds the mandatory 10% required.

The proposed native hedging is located under the canopy of mature trees. This may be problematic with planting and establishment. Tree roots may impede planting, and the heavy canopy cover could restrict growth and precipitation reaching the plants. The hedge is secured for 30 years as part of the mandatory BNG provision so the risk of failure would be greatly reduced by relocating the hedge to the southern boundary.

I recommend the following condition:

BNG1

Regards,

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