

## Ecology – GMEU response

### Summary

Ecological issues were resolved at outline.

### Contributing to and Enhancing the Natural Environment & Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG)

Section 187 of the NPPF 2024 states that the planning policies and decisions should contribute to and enhance the natural and local environment. 10% BNG is mandatory under Schedule 7A of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as inserted by schedule 14 of the Environment Act 2021).

I accepted at outline that mitigation and enhancement could be achieved on-site, with condition 7 of the outline permission requiring one native tree and a bird box, prior to commencement of the development. The reserved matters application has included soft landscaping details which includes one native tree. The landscape proposals are therefore in alignment with the requirements of this condition. No bird box appears to be shown but the details are not required at this time.

I therefore have no objection to the soft landscape proposals which can be conditioned.

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