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Subject: RE: 24/0756 - land formerly known as Kelvedon Street

Hello Vicky,

I have considered the Preliminary Ecological Appraisal for this site dated 29th October 2024, and in general I support the methodology and conclusions of that document. The potential presence of widespread reptile species such as Slow-worms on site should have been considered, but bearing in mind the site previously house industrial units, and there isn't any nearby habitat to allow colonisation, I think it unlikely that such species will occur.

I have no objection to the Green Infrastructure Statement, which refers to the soft landscaping proposals and to the recommended Swift nest boxes and bat boxes. Implementation of this document should be secured by planning condition. Any site clearance should consider the likely presence of nesting birds in the scrubby vegetation present. Nesting birds are protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981: Part 1, 1(1)(b), whereby it is an offence to intentionally take, damage or destroy the nest of any wild bird while that nest is in use or being built.

I support any comments made by the Trees & Woodlands Officer and the Landscape Officer in relation to protection of the existing trees around the site.

NRW have requested a CEMP condition, and a series of other conditions relating to pollution prevention. I do not agree that there is likely to be a significant effect upon the River Usk SAC resulting from construction of these proposals, but for the purposes of an Appropriate Assessment, if we attach these conditions to any consent then there will be no adverse effect on the integrity of the SAC in my view.

Matt