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Subject: RE: Planning Consultation Request for case ref: 25/0453

Hello Geraint,

The Ecology Information & Green Infrastructure Statement, and the Precautionary Method of Working, both refer to the presence of Water Vole on site, and to some extent also to nesting birds. However no reference is made to the potential presence of Otters on site. The reen which is the subject of this application is likely to form connecting habitat between the waterbodies to the north and south of the St Modwen's site, including as series of ditches, reens and ponds.

I would expect any ecological report to assess the likelihood that Otters use this site, to consider the impact of the proposed temporary weir upon this species as well as upon the Water Vole, and to propose mitigation measures accordingly. Therefore we should invite the Applicant to submit a revised ecological report containing this information.

Matt