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Hello Jacob, yes any GI Statement or biodiversity net benefit scheme should be proportionate to the scale and impact of the proposed development, which in this case would be very small, so we should attach our usual biodiversity enhancement scheme condition to any consent granted.

In this respect, it would be worthwhile communicating to the Applicant that there is an active voluntary group nearby, the 'Friends of Road to Nature', so it may be more valuable engaging with that group and seeking their advice on appropriate and proportionate biodiversity enhancements, rather than a tokenistic bat or bird box to discharge the condition.

Matt