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Vicky my only concern with this proposal would be the impacts upon the adjacent trees and the biodiversity that they support. However I note that the wall has already been constructed so any impact on those trees will already have taken place, In this context I note the comments of the Tree Officer's advisor in that the proposals will pose no further risk to the trees. Similarly our Landscaping Advisor has not raised any further concerns and is happy with the seed mix proposed.

In terms of the Green Infrastructure Statement and the delivery of net benefit for biodiversity, it is difficult to assess whether the proposal will deliver a net benefit because there has been no assessment of the condition of the site, in ecological terms, before the works took place. However, looking back through historical Google Earth and Street-view images it is clear that works to this are of land have been taking place for many years, and that the occasional regeneration of grassland and scrub in between clearances is not likely to have developed significant biodiversity interest. Therefore I have no grounds to object to the Green Infrastructure Statement, subject to implementation of the measures therein being secured by planning condition.

Matt