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Hello Lydia, I have considered the Ecological Management Plan dated June 2025, and in general I support the text of that document. Management plans are described for species such as ground-nesting birds, Shrill Carder Bee and Water Vole, with the latter being subject to WCA licensing procedures issued by NRW.

The only concern I have is that the condition stipulates '*g) implementation and monitoring provisions for a 10 year period to include a clear feedback mechanism for evaluation of the management plan.*'. I do not see that any repeat surveys or monitoring provisions are set out in detail, which would allow us to establish whether the proposed ecological management measures are working, or whether they need to be altered.

Section 5.19 does make reference to this requirement, but the subsequent sections (5.20 to 5.25 inclusive) relating to Water Vole and Shrill Carder Bee do not set out details of any future monitoring surveys, nor how the results of such surveys would be used to adjust the management regime.

Therefore we should ask the Applicant to address this element of the planning condition.

Matt