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Thanks Lydia, I can see that now. My main concerns with the Landscape Management Plan Revision A are in relation to the bund area, where the proposed tree planting is undersown with a commercial agricultural grassland mix containing cultivated grass varieties. I see no reason why this bund could not either be fully planted with the tree species proposed in P1 – P2, or at least undersown with a wildflower grass mixture such as EM1 Basic General Purpose Meadow Mixture, instead of agricultural or amenity grass varieties.

It is clear that the Landscape Management Plan has been produced by a Landscape Architect firm, so the consideration of biodiversity mitigation and enhancement is understandably less than if an Ecological Consultancy had input to it. For example, in addition to the native tree planting and wildflower seed mixes, at least five Dormouse nest boxes and at least five bird nest boxes could be installed in the woodland edge surrounding the site.

If the Landscape Management Plan were amended with these suggestions set out above, they I would advise partial discharge of condition 3.

Matt