

APPLICATION NUMBER: RECON 26/1067

PROPOSAL: INSTALLATION OF EXTERNAL BUILDING FLUES AND ASSOCIATED WORKS

SITE: IP5 Celtic Way Celtic Lakes Newport NP10 8BE

APPLICATION TYPE: Full

The biodiversity enhancement proposal is to use Landlifes 'Butterfly & Bee Mix' [LWBP] – using 100% wildflowers over-seeded onto existing grassed areas.

The Landlife advice is that LWBP can be used to overseed into existing grassland, provided the sward comprises only fine leaved grasses and **does not include ryegrass or agricultural species**. It may be the grass verges are seeded with fine leaved grasses but equally likely a mix was used that included rye grass.

Overseeding advice from Landlife also states 'It is likely many seeds may fail to germinate due to increased competition from the existing grasses and some seeds not reaching the soil surface' and the following:

- It is best to sow during autumn when grass growth has slowed down.
- Cut the grass as short as possible and thoroughly scarify or rake the ground to remove any thatch, moss and other debris from the area.

Landlife also advise when seeding directly ie not overseeding, to clear areas to create bare soil, cultivate the ground to a depth of 10cm to relieve compaction and create a fine level tilth.

I would recommend that a mix of the two approaches may be the best way to achieve any level of success.