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Dear Mr Niland,

H14-0049-24 – Glen Farrow Limited, Glendum Close: Extension to existing unit for manufacturing facilities and new storage outbuilding including material changes to external facade of existing unit and internal changes

Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust wishes to maintain the **holding objection** on this application pending the submission of plans to achieve no net loss for biodiversity on this site.

The Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) Report submitted with this application shows a projected and unacceptable net loss of 94.24% of Biodiversity Units and 100% of Hedgerow Units on site.

While planning permission can be granted with the 10% BNG as a condition, the National Planning Policy Framework states that a development must have **no net loss** of biodiversity. Therefore, the applicant should submit plans of how all biodiversity loss on site will be mitigated for up to the point of no net loss before planning can be granted. It would be our recommendation that BNG should be integrated into the design of the site; considering how the biodiversity will be created, enhanced, managed and monitored - for a minimum of 30 years – is more effective when it is a part of the design process.

We are in a climate and biodiversity crisis, and we all need to play our part in addressing that, as recognised by the UK Government in their 25-Year Environment Plan, where it is stated that protection is not enough anymore - we need to recover nature and the natural environment so it functions to deliver all the ecosystem services we require.

The Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust hopes these comments are helpful at this stage and welcomes further discussion relating to the points covered.

In conclusion: Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust would like to register a holding objection on this application pending the inclusion of Biodiversity Net Gain, and the associated plans and surveys.

If you have any queries regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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