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Dear Maxine Simmons,

H16-0136-23: Proposed residential development of 76 dwellings, including demolition of existing glass houses at Ivanda Nursery Monks House Lane

Thank you for consulting Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust on the above application. We appreciate the submission of the Landscape and Biodiversity Management Plan and have the below comments to make.

Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust (LWT) appreciate that the existing biodiversity value of the site is likely low, and so it is understood that any enhancement measures suggested will likely mitigate for any negative impacts the development will have on the ecology of the site and the surrounding area. However, there is no biodiversity net gain assessment submitted with the application meaning that the 10% gain requested by the Trust in previous responses to this application cannot be said to have been achieved.

The Landscape and Biodiversity Management Plan again refers to trees and vegetation being cleared offsite in section 2.4. LWT are still unsure as to why works are taking place off site and request clarity on this matter. Section 3.0, as well as section 4.2, of the plan again references the benefit to arthropods specifically and we are again unsure why this is the case. LWT advise that clarification around these enhancement measures is sought.

LWT ask that the LPA condition that all new planting, namely any tree, hedge and grassland planting, be of native species and specially of local provenience. This measure would in maximise both the biodiversity benefit and the success rate of the new planting. We also request that the suggested bird, hedgehog, bat and invertebrate habitat enhancement measures are conditioned by the LPA, along with conditions pertaining to the correct placement and management of these habitats. While the suggested use of hedgehog nest boxes is encouraging, we ask that hedgehog friendly fencing is also incorporated into the design of this development.

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

Yours sincerely

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