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Good afternoon,

Please find attached the response to the planning H18-0310-23 (Proposed Open Storage Buildings, Concrete Yard and Access) from the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust.

Kind regards,

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Dave Gedney
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Dear Dave Gedney,

H18-0310-23: Proposed Open Storage Buildings, Concrete Yard and Access at Boud Minerals & Polymers Warehouse, West Bank Road

Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust wishes to register a **holding objection** on this application until further ecological surveys are conducted and biodiversity enhancement measures for the site submitted for comment.

We can find no reference in the uploaded documents to the impact this development will have on the ecology and biodiversity of the site, and therefore no mitigation measures have been suggested.

The Trust are working closely with the neighbouring golf course to ensure gains are delivered for biodiversity but have concerns regarding the level of development happening in the adjacent areas, specifically given the proximity to the Wash. The Wash is a highly protected area and as such we expect to see consideration given to the impact of any developments within the local area.

Due to the current biodiversity crisis current planning legislation, such as the NPPF and the South East Lincolnshire Local Plan, call not only for a conservation of biodiversity, but also for a gain in biodiversity.

The National Planning Policy Framework is clear that pursuing sustainable development includes moving from a net loss of biodiversity to achieving net gains for nature, and that a core principle for planning is that it should contribute to conserving and enhancing the natural environment.

Paragraph 174: *Planning policies and decisions should contribute to and enhance the natural and local environment by: (d) minimising impacts on and providing net gains for biodiversity, including by establishing coherent ecological networks that are more resilient to current and future pressures;*

The South East Lincolnshire Local Plan

3.3.12 *Development proposals should also protect, and where possible enhance biodiversity, geodiversity and green infrastructure*

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7.2.14 *Development can also incorporate a number of simple, low-cost measures to deliver biodiversity benefits and enhance priority habitats and species, such as, the use of bat roost boxes, green roofs or walls, and integrating nesting opportunities into buildings and green infrastructure. The use of swift bricks on new developments in Boston in particular, would help minimise the decline in swifts, a priority species. This positive approach will also help the Local Planning Authorities fulfil their 'biodiversity duty' (identified by the Natural Environment Rural Communities Act 2006) and help improve biological resilience to climate change. Good practice can be found in the Climate Change Adaptation by Design - A Guide for Sustainable Communities51 and Planning for a healthy environment – good practice for green infrastructure and biodiversity*

Each planning application should demonstrate how the natural environment has been assessed to ensure no net loss of biodiversity and how delivery of biodiversity net gain and contribution to a nature recovery network has been included.

In conclusion

Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust would like to register a **holding objection** on this application until further ecological information can be reviewed. We also require evidence how gains in biodiversity will be delivered as a result of this development.

We encourage the applicants of this development to reach out to the Trust as we would happily provide advice on how best to proceed.

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

Yours sincerely

Beth Fox

Conservation Officer