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Thank you for providing the Biodiversity and Ecological Management Plan (BEMP) for the Barnsley West Masterplan Framework site. The plan sets out general implementation recommendations and management prescriptions for the proposed landscaping as set out within the Landscape Masterplan (drawing no. P11754-00-001-GIL-0100). The BEMP also mentions the retention of habitats on site. More detailed management plans will be submitted for each phase of the development at reserved matters stage. The BEMP is largely satisfactory; however I have some comments/queries as detailed below:

- Management set out for newly planted hedgerows suggests trimming between November – February. Whilst this is fine, with timings suggested being outside of the nesting bird season, it would be preferable if the works were undertaken late within the non-breeding season (i.e. January/February) to allow birds to exhaust any supply of berries.
- Section 2.5 of the BEMP sets out that SUDS basins, one pond and swales will be allowed to vegetate naturally. The proposed pond incorporates reed bed habitat. Will the reeds be planted?
- No management is proposed for the retained ancient woodland. The woodland should be subject to some maintenance over time to maintain its value and allow for regeneration. The BEMP should set out appropriate sympathetic management for the retained woodland habitat as well as monitoring recommendations to assess potential impacts upon this habitat through increased access once the site becomes occupied. Responsibility for the management and monitoring of the ancient woodland habitat could be tied into the strategic landscaping.
- No management is proposed for the retained hedgerows on site. These features will need to be appropriately managed to ensure they do not become overgrown and lose their function. The metric includes enhancement for some of the retained hedgerows, so how will this happen without appropriate management?

The above accompanies my response sent on the 8th December covering all other ecological reports submitted for the application.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries.

Kind regards

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