Ecology Consultation

Proposal:		**Location:**	
Discharge of Condition 3 (Construction Environmental Management Plan), 9 (Grassland Survey), 10 (Biodiversity Audit), 11 (Landscape Ecological Management Plan), 12 (Tree Protection), 13 (Arboricultural Method Statement) and 16 (Materials) of 21/01902/FUL		Cambs Constabulary Police Training Centre Monks Wood Road Sawtry	
Dc Case Officer:	**Ecology Officer:**	**Application Ref. No:**	**Date:**
LPA	ET	24/80425/COND	07/04/2025

Submitted Plans and Documents Reviewed

- Revised Biodiversity Net Gain Assessment
- Revised Statutory Biodiversity Metric Excel
- Revised Construction Environmental Management Plan
- Revised CA Landscape Ecological Management Plan

Conclusion

Amendments accepted to LEMP and CEMP. Support discharge of conditions: 3, 9 and 11

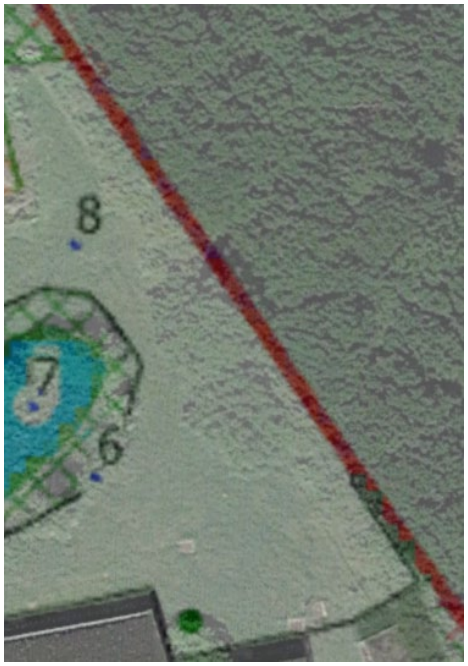
Amendments and further information needed for condition 10 as detailed below:

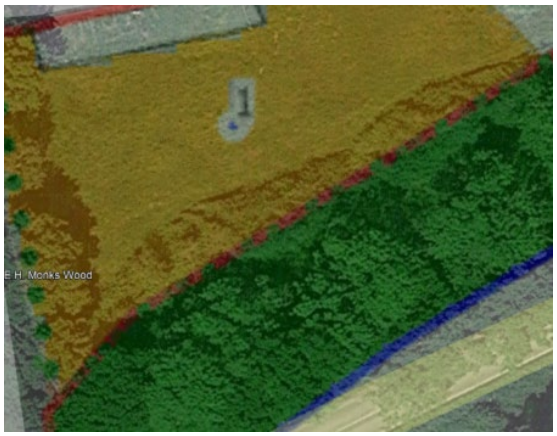
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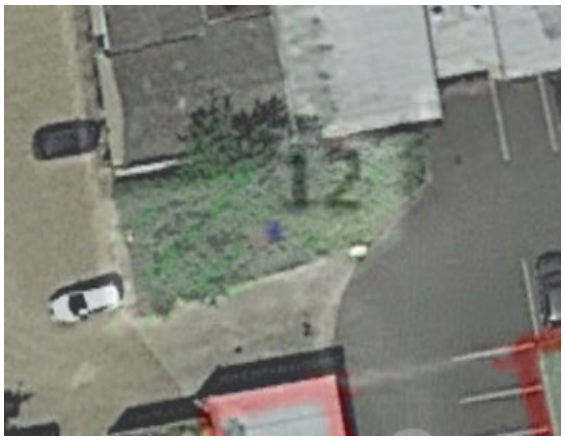
Having reviewed the submitted documents, it has been found that the details are not acceptable for the following reasons.

While amendments have been made, they are not sufficient, and the resubmitted mapping is still not correct. Baseline habitats have not been mapped leading to an underestimated pre-development biodiversity value. Proposed grassland enhancements are unsuitable given the unmapped canopy cover while areas that should have been mapped at the baseline are included as habitat created, lowering the units provided by the post-development. Examples of these errors are listed below.

Habitat not mapped.



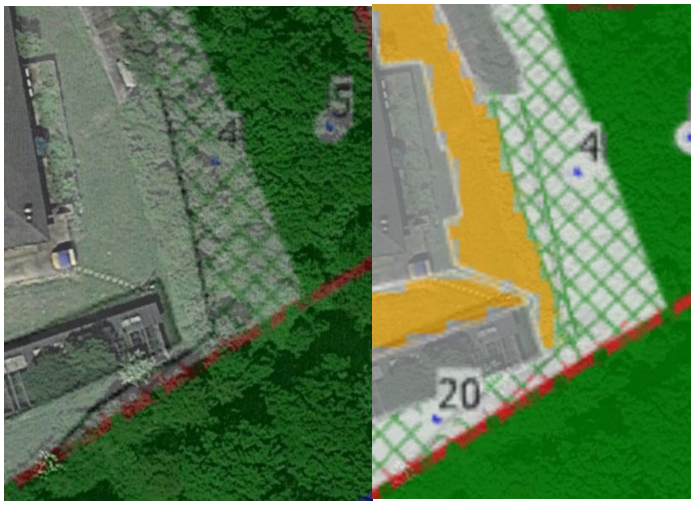








Habitat not mapped and mistakenly shown as created.



Should be Lowland mixed deciduous woodland not individual trees as it is a contiguous part of the woodland to the north.



Shadows size of “scrub” area suggest these are trees not scrub. Unless photographs can be provided to prove otherwise, this needs to be mapped as lowland mixed deciduous woodland with the rest of the parcel to the north.





Proposed enhancement to neutral grassland unsuitable under mature tree due to low light levels not supporting the species diversity required for other neutral grassland. It may be better to map the tree coverage as woodland to accurately map the areas where enhancement is achievable.



Woodland boundary not correctly mapped with scrub proposed where woodland already exists.



