

**Liv Rickman**

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**Subject:** FW: P/24/028/FUL: Ex Secondary School, Carn Thomas, Hugh Town, St Mary's, Isles of Scilly

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Hi Liv

We have reviewed the documents and have the following comments:

**EclA**

- 1) The EclA has determined that the site itself does not lie in any protected area but is in close proximity of several designated sites. There are not hydrological linkages or other impact pathways. The report concludes that NE should be consulted but that due to the small scale of the development there should be no impact on the designated sites. I agree with this conclusion.
- 2) The report has determined that the habitats present on site are largely of low ecological significance the exception being areas of mixed scrub, scattered trees and stone-faced bank. This appears to be an appropriate assessment of the site.
- 3) The presence of Schedule 9 invasive plant species has been established on site. The report recommends post-planning and pre-construction surveys of invasive non-native plant species, and that work should be carried out under an Invasive Plant Method Statement. **These surveys and the production of the method statement should be conditioned.**
- 4) The EclA recommends that a CEMP should be prepared. **The CEMP should be conditioned.**
- 5) **A condition requiring other mitigation and enhancement measures stated in the EclA is required.**

**BNG Report**

- 1) In the absence of a Local Nature Strategy the strategic significance of the site has been determined by reference to DFERA guidelines. They have concluded that whilst the site lies close to a number of designated sites, the site itself and the habitats present are classed as

'low strategic significance'. Consequently, a multiplier of 1 has been used within the metric. This appears to be a reasonable conclusion.

2) The metric itself was not available for review only the written report. The report concludes that the proposed habitat creation and enhancement measures will lead to a 24.67% gain in habitat units and a gain of 0.10 hedgerow units (no baseline hedgerow present). The gains are achieved through realistic measures.

3) **A Biodiversity Management and Monitoring Plan should be conditioned.**

On the basis of these two reports, we would have no objections subject to the above conditions.

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Good afternoon,  
Please see attached a consultation request. The deadline for any comments will be the 14<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

Kind Regards,  
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