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DM – please can you index this ecology consultation response for me? Thank you ☺

Hiya Hayley, thank you for this consultation request. I have copied in Steve Vellance (central planner) into this email, as he has an associated application for a site in Heytesbury which requires further ecology information. I am not aware of any other applications relevant to this film-making, but please let me know if you know of any!

I understand that some aspects of the application (e.g. parking, according to the planning statement) can be conducted without the need for planning permission. However the location of this application is ecologically sensitive, a potential constraint not referred to by the applicant.

Both this application and Steve's are close to several designated sites, which *must* be considered when assessing these applications. I make the following ecological observations regarding this proposal near Shrewton/Tilshead:

- A significant proportion of the site is classified as Priority Habitat (calcareous grassland) – likely to be impacted by footfall, traffic, construction works
- The site is sandwiched by parcels of Salisbury Plain Special Area of Conservation to the north and south (SAC, designated for calcareous grassland). This makes the site's grassland effectively a 'stepping stone' between the SAC parcels, increasing the ecological function it plays. As a result, Natural England are likely to require further information about the potential impact on the SAC.
- Parsonage Down National Nature Reserve (NNR) also lies adjacent to the site and the southern parcel of SAC.
- There are numerous protected species records on site – various threatened bird species (any breeding on site would be disturbed by the proposal), fairy shrimp (these will be associated with the old tank tracks across the site, that likely fill with water on a temporary basis), marsh fritillary butterfly (qualifying feature of SAC) and badger.

There appears to be the potential for impact on numerous significant ecological receptors as a result of the proposal. The application *must* be supported by an assessment of the likely ecological impact of the proposal, and any recommendations for mitigation. An ecological consultant would be able to advise in relation to alternative locations, that weren't 'priority habitat'.

Please re-consult the ecology mailbox once additional ecological information has been received, and it will be allocated to a council ecologist for comment.

Many thanks,
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