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Hi Gill,

Thank you for obtaining the attached information which also includes the minutes of the meeting between the developer's ecologists, Natural England and the Wildlife Trust as well as a suggested mitigation approach and a number of case studies where mitigation measures have been applied. I have reviewed some of these briefly and found that they are not necessarily all that comparable to this development and Tiddesley Wood and I remain concerned about potential adverse impacts on Tiddesley Wood at this stage. I will however need to look into them in more detail.

I have also reviewed the various additional information submitted in May. This now looks to address the comments made regarding onsite habitats. I would just like to check some issues in relation to the revised BNG assessment and calculations. I don't think we have been provided with the revised calculations on an actual excel spreadsheet. I would be grateful if you could ask for that, please, so that I can better scrutinise the results.

In terms of the Shadow Habitats Regulations Assessment I agree with the commentary and conclusions reached in relation to Dixon Wood SAC, Bredon Hill SAC and Lyppard Grange Ponds SAC and that the effects on functionally linked bird habitat can be screened out for the Severn Estuary SAC/SPA/Ramsar site. This leaves the need to carry out an Appropriate Assessment with respect to potential water quality effects on fish species using functionally linked habitats to address any potential likely significant effects which could arise in the absence of mitigation.

The Appropriate Assessment (AA) concluded that, subject to mitigation measures, the proposed development would have no effect on the integrity of the Severn Estuary SAC/SPA/Ramsar Site. The crucial factor in terms of the potential impacts is whether or not the development could cause deterioration of the Site from impacting 'good ecological status' of the functionally linked tributaries, or prevent the relevant water bodies achieving good status. The AA states that the proposed SuDs strategy is predicted to lead to water quality discharged from the site to be better than the current situation. In terms of foul water, correspondence with Severn Trent and wider studies carried out for the SWDPR are stated as relevant. Unfortunately I do not have the relevant competency to judge the findings of the Appropriate Assessment in terms of whether the drainage proposals for either surface or foul water are adequate to prevent deterioration of water quality. It may be worth checking with the EA? I will also check with Martyn Cross to see if someone in his team can help.

Kind regards,  
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