

Technical Note 05

Project: 1006596. Orchard Farm, Pershore

Planning Ref: W/23/02112/OUT

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Ecological Appraisal. Planning Boundary Change - Addendum Sheet.

- i) **Introduction.** Aspect Ecology has been commissioned by Formula Land to undertake an Ecological Appraisal in respect of proposed development of land at Orchard Farm, Pershore. The Ecological Appraisal (Aspect Ecology Report Ref: 6596 EcoAp vf4 /EG/MRD/AB, dated September 2023), was submitted to Rushmoor Borough Council (RBC), at the time that the Outline Planning Application was submitted.
- ii) This Addendum Note has been prepared, following the issue of a revised Planning Application Boundary Plan (see Plan appended). The red line has been amended to include some small additional amount of land within Defford Road, largely to the south-western extent of the proposals.
- iii) The planning boundary changes have been necessary to allow minor alignment changes to the placement of the red line in relation to the existing kerbs, and to extend it slightly to the south of Defford Road, to include an area of existing verge that will be managed to maintain a visibility splay.
- iv) **Review of Ecological Impacts.** Aspect Ecology have reviewed the changes to the red line in the light of any changes to the Ecological Assessment which has been previously carried out. The additional area of grass verge which is now included is an area of short-mown amenity type grassland, which was observed during the Phase 1 survey (in April 20223) as being species-poor, short-mown grassland of low ecological quality and distinctiveness.
- v) No additional ecological impacts are expected to arise from the change to the planning boundary, or the way in which the new areas will be treated. They will remain within the highways jurisdiction, and management. The conclusions of the Ecological Appraisal therefore remain unchanged from that reported in respect to the change in the Red Line.
- vi) **Effects on Biodiversity Net Gain Assessment.** Small changes to the red line area can be expected to result in minor changes to the Biodiversity Net Gain results which have been previously reported. These red line changes have been incorporated into a revised version of the BNGA, along with a number of other amendments which have been made to respond to consultation comments, and for other reasons. This is a stand-alone document, an updated version of which will be submitted.

