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Subject: 22/00422/AMC- Ecology conditions

Hi Ranald,

I had a look through everything that is on IDOX for Kingsmeadows House and I can't find anything for;

- Cnd 10 – CEMP
- Cnd 11 – Bat licence
- Cnd 12 – Species Protection Plans
- Cnd 13 – Habitat and Landscape Management Plan
- Cnd 14 – Lighting for bats

I looked through the Estate Management Plan (Cnd 7) and I think some small changes need to be made;

The Maintenance Plan table lists rough grass which is to be cut 4x per year in April, June, August and October. Such frequent cutting will likely reduce the potential biodiversity benefits of the habitat. Cutting it 2x year (3x max) would be better.

Also, there seems to be no detail provided on the Landscape Plan as to which seed mix is proposed for the rough grassland and I am unclear as to where the rough grassland will be.

Shrubs and hedges are proposed to be pruned in April and August- this would be within the bird breeding season and could conflict with the protection afforded to birds under the Wildlife and Countryside Act. Shrubs and Hedges should be trimmed between September and March (inclusive) if plants are checked for nests prior to cutting.

Kind regards
Raffaella

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