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Hi Char,

Thank you for your email and apologies for the delay in my response.

I have reviewed the Ecological Addendum (Edp, February 2023) attached to your email and confirm that we have no objection to the application subject to the measures included in the Ecological Addendum being secured.

The quantum of greenspace put forward in the application is reasonable in comparison with national standards such as Fields in Trust. The overall amount of greenspace provision is therefore considered acceptable.

The additional links to the Public Right of Way Network to the north are welcomed. In addition to the physical connection of the site to the PROW network, we would welcome if a welcome pack could be supplied to new residents highlighting the PROW network and accessible greenspace away from Lower Woods SSSI and Bishop's Hill Wood SSSI. This welcome pack should also highlight the sensitivity of the SSSIs to recreational disturbance and appropriate actions residents can take if visiting the SSSIs to limit disturbance.

There are known issues with recreational pressure at Lower Woods SSSI as highlighted in Gloucester Wildlife Trust's comments on the application. As the managers of the site GWT will have a good understanding of the current pressures on the site and its management, there may be specific onsite measures at the SSSI which the applicant may be willing to support due to the issues with recreational pressure at the SSSI.

If you have any questions please let me know.

Kind regards,
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