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P22/01300/O | Erection of up to 180 dwellings, a local shop and associated infrastructure (Outline) with access to be determined; all other matters reserved. | Land At Sodbury Road Wickwar South Gloucestershire GL12 8PG

Dear Charmian,

As discussed, the measures which could help prevent deterioration of the SSSI in the short term were set out in our previous letter dated 16/10/23. We calculated that the cost of this work would be ~£100,000 which would amount to £555.55 per dwelling (180 dwellings proposed), with an additional cost of ongoing management at around £2,500 per annum.

The full break-down of costs are as follows:

- £20,000 for staff time which will be spread over three years to oversee the works and undertake habitat creation with volunteers and contractors.
- £25,000 for fencing, and where relevant, access infrastructure by contractors to manage visitor flows.
- £40,000 which will be spread over two years for tree work to manage visitor safety in areas with substantially increased foot traffic.
- £10,000 for signage to inform visitors about the vulnerable habitats on site and manage the follow of visitors through it.
- £5,000 for tools and materials for habitat creation such as brash windrow barriers, scrub planting and fencing.



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To reiterate, these are the costs to help address the anticipated short-term impacts of additional recreational pressure. No figure can truly compensate for a permanent change in visitor disturbance factors impacting on sensitive site features.

Regards,

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