Derbyshire Wildlife Trust

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For the attention of Laura Anthony

Your Ref: AVA/2026/0550
Our ref: DWTAVA2416

8th October 2026

Dear Laura,

Proposal: Creation of a naturalistic wildlife pond together with associated excavation, pond formation, aquatic and marginal planting, timber structures and ladders.

Location: Postern Hill Farm Over Lane Hazelwood Belper Derbyshire DE56 4AG

Application Ref No.: AVA/2026/0550

With reference to the above application, I am responding as the Biodiversity Planning Officer responsible for work relating to the Service Level Agreement, which the Amber Valley Borough Council and the Trust have signed. The following comments are aimed at providing accurate and up to date information on the nature conservation issues associated with the proposed development.

Response

We have reviewed the submitted information and understand that the application pertains to the creation of a wildlife pond.

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We have checked our Biological Records Database and can confirm the following:

- No records of protected species are present on or adjacent to site
- No notable habitats have been recorded to date on or adjacent to site
- The site is not covered by a statutory or non-statutory nature conservation designation

It is considered that based on the information submitted that the application is considered low impact and unlikely to have a substantive adverse effect on biodiversity. However, it is unclear how the application is exempt from mandatory Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG). The LPA should be satisfied that the application meets the criteria for the chosen exemption.

It is hoped that the information provided is helpful to the Council. If you require any further information or wish to discuss any of the comments made, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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