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For the attention of Rebecca Godson

Your Ref: AVA/2025/0862
Our ref: DWTAVA2209b

3rd November 2026

Dear Rebecca,

Proposal: Full refurbishment and internal reconfiguration of existing building to form new SEN provision, including replacement of roof, windows and doors, installation of solar panels, addition of a canopy and access ramp, and demolition of existing outbuildings to provide new parking provision and outdoor play areas

Location: Whitemoor Centre John O' Gaunts Way Belper Derbyshire DE56 0DB

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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

Further to our response dated 8th October 2026, we have been made aware of revised plans for the scheme.

The revised plans include additional soft landscaping comprising mixed shrubs, individual trees and a single beech hedgerow. The BNG assessment currently shows a net loss of 1.27 units (-13.66 units), but the metric should be updated to include the additional landscaping and confirm the extent of the losses.

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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