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For the attention of Sarah Beeby

Your Ref: DMPA/2021/1362

Our ref: DWTSOU854

9th December 2021

Dear Sarah

Proposal: Creation of a 4-arm roundabout

Location: Chellaston Lane, Derby

Application: DMPA/2021/1362

Thank you for consulting the Derbyshire Wildlife Trust with regard to the above planning application. I am responding as the Biodiversity Planning Officer responsible for work relating to the Service Level Agreement, which South Derbyshire District 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.

The application seeking planning permission for the construction of a new roundabout is supported by an Update Ecology Survey letter report prepared by Penny Anderson Associates Ltd dated 23rd August 2021. The report presents the results of an updated walkover survey of the site completed on 6th October 2020. The survey identified the proposed roundabout footprint to comprise largely cultivated arable land.

The results of the update survey confirm that the habitats are unchanged since the most recent previous survey undertaken in 2018.

No evidence of water vole was found on the Thulston Brook and on the basis of the submitted information we advise there should be no other protected species issues arising with the application.

Four notable farmland bird species were identified as using the wider site area but we are satisfied that the habitats within and adjacent to the proposed roundabout area are unlikely to support these species.

The report concludes there will be no loss of habitat of significant ecological value. We would concur with this conclusion.

As a precautionary measure, we advise that the development should be carried out in accordance with the nesting birds and badger mitigation measures recommended in the Update Ecology Survey letter report prepared by Penny Anderson Associates Ltd dated 23rd August 2021 as a planning condition.

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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