

Dear Kelly, with regards the last couple of issues to address, please see below;

1. Your ecologists have asked;

We note there is a bund being created with spoil and this is not considered in post development habitats. We suggest that if appropriate this could be utilised to provide further habitat that could reduce the deficit.

I have consulted with our ecologist and we have put together the following which we hope meets with your approval;

*With regards the bund, we have considered creation of habitat such as wildflower grassland (other neutral grassland) however given the bund will be made of topsoil it will be nutrient rich and too fertile to realistically support this habitat type as the wildflowers would be out-competed by fast growing grasses and ruderals. The context of the site being a school was also considered and the likelihood of this area being subject to a level of disturbance and use from the children means a habitat such as wildflower grassland would be less likely to become established. A natural grass bund as we propose can be easily maintained by the School and used as a feature for pupils to enjoy recreationally for a viewing mound and for taking lunch etc. We are satisfied with the proposals already submitted.*

2. You have asked;

Please highlight the information required in relation to drainage/adoption referred to in the Southern Water letter dated 29 January 2025.

I have consulted with our drainage engineer and we have put together the following which we hope meets with your approval

*In accordance with the requirements of KCC, we revised our drainage strategy from connecting into the sewer system to a SUDS solution following ground investigations and percolation rate testing (BRE 365). With regards the Southern Water comments contained in their letter of 29.1.25, given the proposals and location within a school, we wouldn't anticipate that the surface water drainage network will be put up for adoption. The SUDS system will form part of the artificial pitch construction (subject to planning approval) and ultimately the maintenance of the SUDS system will be the responsibility of the School. Perhaps the details of maintenance, timeframe for implementation and maintenance and management plan can be made a planning condition.*

Best regards, Bob