

Mr L Anthony

By email

15 March 2023

Our ref: A1143.004\_GS\_150323

Dear Lloyd

**205-213 Henley Rd & land to the rear of 205-219 Henley Rd, Reading (220189)**

I refer to the recent comments by Giles Sutton of GS Ecology. There are six comments and I have responded in bold to each one in turn:

**1) The report reads:**

“Baseline and post-development habitats and areas are shown in Figure 1 and Figure 2, Appendix I.”

Can you also send me these figures? They need to clearly show the pre and post intervention habitats mapped to the UK Hab specification.

**These two figures are appended to the new letter.**

**2) I note that you have a baseline figure of 0.04 ha but there are 64 tree groups and trees in the tree schedule.**

The RPA based on their DBH in the tree schedule should have been used to calculate the pre-intervention units. If this has been done the combined area would be much greater than 0.04ha.

Please can you confirm how you have calculated the area for Urban Trees?

Please can you re calculate the figures using the DBH given in the tree report? Condition assessments for each tree or group will need to be used.

**The Root Protection Area (RPA's) have now been used to determine the areas of urban trees. The retained and removed tree areas are included within Appendix III of the net gain letter.**

**The "Urban Tree Helper" is used to calculate the area of proposed tree planting.**

3) Please can you confirm why you have included introduced shrub and modified grasslands as habitats as opposed to combining these as 'vegetated garden'? This applies to both pre and post development habitats.

**Vegetated garden habitat has now been used instead of modified grassland and introduced shrub to describe pre- and post-development habitats.**

4) Please can you also justify why the other habitat types have been used?

**Justification of each habitat is now included within the net gain letter report.**

5) Please can you include the pre-intervention habitat condition assessment sheets as an appendix to the updated report? These will need to include species numbers for the grassland (if you continue to use the grassland habitat)

**Pre-habitat condition sheets are included in the net gain letter.**

**Amenity grassland and introduced shrub habitats have now been recharacterized as vegetated garden habitat**

6) Please can you include the post-intervention habitat condition assessment sheets as an appendix to the updated report?

**These are no included as Appendix IV of the net gain letter report.**

Please let me know if you require any additional information.

Your faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A Crossman', with a long, flowing horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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*Managing Director*