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Hi Mark

Strictly speaking the RSE appraisal does not contain sufficient information for this assessment to have been completed. That said; based on my own knowledge of this site I think that the baseline valuation is acceptable. I do however have issues with the post development valuation. Most of this seems appropriate but some elements are not and they need to be revised

- 1) The assessment suggests that almost 1/3 of the grassland will be retained and enhanced, however the only grassland shown on the RSE plan is in the western field compartment where, in addition to housing, an attenuation basin is proposed. It is unlikely in practice that any of this habitat could be retained without introducing unacceptable constraints to construction activities.
- 2) Further explanation or revision of the Urban tree area is needed
- 3) It is unclear how habitat types have been assigned to the grassland belt across the centre of the site. This needs to be clarified on a plan
- 4) The hedgerow assessment shows that 2x10 m lengths would be lost. This seems to be an underestimate
- 5) I would suggest that the suggested hedgerow enhancement would constrain the way the open space could be used by new residents and would possibly make for poor surveillance across the site. I would suggest consultation with open space on this matter (I've copied **CARA** and **JERRY** in)
- 6) The high likelihood that the sections of hedgerow that would form garden boundaries will be degraded or lost entirely needs to be accounted for in the calculation

Thanks
Rupert