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For the attention of Vicky Webb

Your Ref: 5.5373.1

Our ref: DWTCOU353-2

18th January 2018

Dear Vicky,

Proposal: The restoration of former colliery lagoons and settlement ponds to agriculture and native conservation through the importation of inert waste

Location: Land at former Creswell Colliery Lagoons, Frithwood Lane, Creswell

Planning Application: CW5/1116/71

Thank you for re-consulting the Derbyshire Wildlife Trust with regard to the above planning application following the submission of amended plans. I am now responding under the terms of the Service Level Agreement which Derbyshire County Council and the Trust have signed.

We have reviewed the revised submitted Landscape and Ecological Management Plan Rev. B dated 7th September 2017 prepared by DSA Environment + Design Limited and the included Landscape Softworks drawing.

The Trust previously provided comments on the proposal in correspondence dated 8th May 2017 which considered the restoration landscape layout associated with option A. The amended plans relate to Option C which offers potential for greater ecological benefits.

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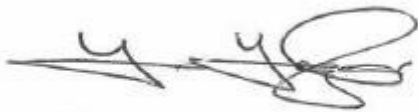
While the decision not to reintroduce a permanent water body into the restored landform is disappointing, the creation of small seasonally wet hollows within the proposed bare ground area within the centre of Core Area C is welcomed along with ditches and swales as part of the attenuation system at the southern end of the site.

We are also of the view that the creation of a single large area of bare ground in the centre of Core Area C offers greater potential for ground nesting birds than the earlier scheme under option A which included the creation of ten areas of bare ground randomly located within the central area upon which we commented in our previous response.

Overall, we would consider the amended plans provided as Option C to be acceptable and concur that the option allows for a greater percentage of the existing vegetation to be retained.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Trevor Taylor', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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