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Hi Matt,

Following our recent site meeting, discussions have been held between myself, the developer and the landowner regarding the possible mitigation areas and the potential phasing of development.

During our site meeting a potential second phase of development was discussed; since then it has been agreed between the landowner and the developer that this potential extension area should now be included within the site compound as part of phase 1 of the development, in order to clearly define the area proposed for development and agree all ecology mitigation in the first stage.

With this in mind, please find attached a plan and explanatory text showing the proposed layout and an outline strategy for GCN mitigation. The proposals include the identification and long term management of a GCN compensation area in the form of peripheral zones around the western and southern boundaries, designed to maintain connectivity between the northern and southern off-site GCN populations. In addition, it is proposed to retain the large rubble pile in the south-west of the Site outside the boundary fence and to leave this undisturbed. A licensed mitigation scheme will also be implemented to capture and translocate any GCN present within the working area.

The proposed layout of the RPP Facility focusses development activities on the parts of the Site with the lowest level of ecological value (i.e. the existing hardstanding and vehicle/container storage areas) and allows for the retention of the largest and most long-established rubble pile as well as the areas of peripheral scrub and longer established vegetation. This design minimises the potential impacts on GCN and we therefore believe that the level of mitigation and management proposed is appropriate and proportionate.

Please note that Sirius wishes to agree mitigation with NRW first, before submitting revised layout plans to the LPA; albeit layout revisions only relate to the compound/mitigation fencing. We therefore look forward to confirmation that this approach is acceptable to NRW before we submit revised layout plans to the LPA.

Kind regards,

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