

## Response from Hathern Parish Council to the third revision Planning Application P/21/1797/2 – Feb 2023

## **Revised Biodiversity Impact Assessment**

Hathern Parish Council welcomes the opportunity to have sight of the full BIA for this site, although it is of some concern that the PDF version posted onto Planning Explorer is of little value as it is unreadable in that form. We note that the analysis indicates a 28% reduction in natural habitat as a result of development and understand that developers should aim for a net increase in such habitat of 10-20% If that cannot be achieved on-site then we understand that compensation can be claimed to allow habitat creation or enhancement local to the original site. We would be interested to understand how and where that is going to be achieved here. Furthermore, we believe that the BIA will be reviewed by Charnwood Borough Council's ecologist and we would ask to be able to see and comment on their conclusions and recommendations.

## **Other Matters**

Hathern Parish Council notes that a number of points and concerns we raised in our response to the previous consultation are not resolved by this new proposal, especially those relating to hedgerows H1 and H2, and provision of play/recreation on site. Those matters still stand and so we therefore include a copy of that response "Response from Hathern Parish Council to the second revision Planning Application P/21/1797/2 – July 2022"

Yours Faithfully

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