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Subject: FW: FW: your planning application at Royal Victoria Country Park
Attachments: Butterflies list.xlsx

Sent: 21 May 2026 18:21

Subject: Re: FW: your planning application at Royal Victoria Country Park

Dear Rebecca and Lisa,

Please find attached and below a list of responses to the email that you sent. I hope this conveys that we are already very conscious of our environment and extremely willing to do our best and take advice.

Fire and risk to woodland.

We sell wood on site for the fire pits, they are informed ahead of time that they might need it so they have the option to buy it before their stay.

We have fire blanket and additional fire extinguishers in the kitchen area as well. Staff on site do a walk round at the end of the night to check that fires have been extinguished and there are never fires left unattended.

Our kitchen has 2 ovens, a microwave, toaster, and kettles, so there is alternatives if they can't have a fire due to poor weather or if we have a drought that instructs us to have no fires.

Biodiversity enhancements.

For butterflies, please see excel attachment. This is a list of things I found on your list that we already have and then we have a significant number of additional plants, trees and flowers that aren't on your list.

Hedgehogs and rabbits already use the decking for their homes, they don't seem to mind people living above them, I can only imagine that we have been there so long that they might have been born under them and therefore don't see it as odd/disturbing.

My team are very excited, they are using this to add influence to their recent request for a "spring watch style" birdbox, owl box and bat box with camera, wired to a screen in the kitchen.

We are already adding to the planting around the site, photos to come, but I have bad news. The pendulous sedge that you wanted us to remove, was dug out as instructed, only to find that we tore out a large ground nesting beehive under it. We were devastated. Phots attached.

As for birds, we tend to stay away from messing with this too much. We have a quite few bushes of blackberry, rose hip, loganberry some strange holly plant that flowers for months and then produces blue berries that the birds go mad over in early spring. But if we try and feed the birds, the rats and squirrels go mad and steal it all anyway.

For bats we already have on site evening primrose, five honeysuckle, numerous daisy family, night scented catchfly, lots of blue and purple flowers, soapwort, mountain ash, loads of lavender, and we have a little pond for all of the wildlife to be able to drink water all year round as we keep it topped up. I am going to put the "wild about gardens to good use, i run a forest school for a group of home ed kids, so I will use this as the focus in 2 weeks' time.

Drainage

So, for the staff accommodation, we only have a gutter on one side to stop water falling on our heads as we walk down the side of this building. The outlet for this is straight onto the ground in the hedgerow in this location. All other buildings have no guttering, all of the roofs have been built to direct the rain water directly towards the existing trees and hedges. We have no surface water drainage on site.

Immediately between the kitchen and the toilet block is the existing foul water drainage line. All of our foul drainage goes to this drain, including the washing up water from the kitchen. On Rebecca's site walk she informed me that a drainage plan wasn't needed. As I don't currently have one, I've not included it.

Thank you so much for all of the useful information, we will make a lot of use of the information you have sent, please let me know if there is anything else you would like to know.







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