



the wildflower species. Examples of the level of specialist maintenance that is required on this site are;

1. **Wildflower grass areas-** *'Arisings from mowing of wildflower grass areas are to be left in-situ for 7 days before removal'*. This allows the seeds to drop to the ground and maintains the wildflower diversity.

2. **For the Forbay planting :** *'maintain a balanced marginal vegetation mosaic thinning out plants by hand and placing arisings nearby for 24-48 hours to allow invertebrates and amphibians to disperse and seek refuge.'*

Finally in the landscape maintenance and management schedule under detention basin it shows mulching as an activity to be carried out once a year. This is incorrect as mulching should not be used as it can clog the outlets as stated elsewhere in the document.

You may wish to require from the developer that they submit a statement confirming that the land will be maintained as per the management plan. In addition I'd recommend that the developer's consultant submit a method statement of how the ongoing species richness of the wildflower areas is to be measured. This should include frequency, number and distribution of quadrat surveys. This information would then need to be submitted to the council at 3 years after sowing. Please consult with EBC ecology team about this.

I hope these comments are helpful. Please get in touch if you would like further clarification.

Best wishes,
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