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RE: Waldringfield Parish Council's response to:

DC/24/1952/FUL | Construction of 6 scrapes; 4 ponds; 5 invertebrate banks; 5 water level control structures; 2 viewing platforms; creation of a new ditch; raising of part of existing public footpath by 300mm; creation of spoil areas from earth to create wildlife habitats and associated works on former organic arable land and grazing marsh being restored for nature | Martlesham Wilds Church Lane Martlesham Woodbridge Suffolk IP12 4PQ

Dear Natalie:

WPC submit the following response which was too lengthy for the portal.

Waldringfield Parish Council and the WPC's Tree Warden have reviewed this application and whilst we are delighted that SWT has acquired this site in order to create a substantial wildlife habitat, we wish to raise the following areas of concern.

1. Arboricultural impact - Tree protection

The document states that when machinery is brought on site it will be kept outside of the RPZ (root protection zone) of any significant trees and hedgerows. It also states that as farming machinery in the past has travelled the tracks close to trees any further protection is not required. We do not agree.

We suggest that approved protective fencing should be erected around RPZ of the significant trees and hedgerows in order to provide ongoing clarity as to where the construction plant must not go. We draw particular attention to the large oak tree close to VP1 (viewing platform 1) shown on the plan (page 8 of the document Martlesham Wilds Tree/Arboricultural Impact Appraisal, May 2024).

Previous experience shows that unless protective fencing is in place the zones around the trees can become useful spots for storing materials or short-cuts by the contractors with heavy machinery.

2. PROW across the site

The drawings appear to show deviations from the PROW definitive map.

3. Accessibility

The Planning & Design Statement says that SWT has acquired the small carpark associated with the neighbouring church. It also says that alternative options for car parking will be offered in due course. There is no indication on the site plans where these alternative parking places will be provided.

We would argue that there is no viable public transport in the area. It is therefore unclear how visitors, particularly those with reduced mobility will be able to access the site. We consider that

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more specific detail on accessibility is required within this application, particularly as this is not an “outline” application.

Subject to the above concerns being addressed Waldringfield Parish Council would **SUPPORT** this application.

Submitted by:

Jennifer Shone-Tribley, Clerk on behalf of the Waldringfield Parish Council