



MALDON DISTRICT  
COUNCIL

## MEMBERS' UPDATE

DIRECTOR OF STRATEGY,  
PERFORMANCE AND GOVERNANCE  
Paul Dodson

09 September 2021

Dear Councillor

### **NORTH WESTERN AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE - WEDNESDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2021**

Please find enclosed the Members' Update for the above meeting, detailing any further information received in relation to the following items of business since the agenda was printed.

5. **21/00554/FUL - The Essex Wildlife Trust Nature Reserve, Blue House Farm, Blue, House Farm Chase, North Fambridge** (Pages 3 - 4)

Yours faithfully

Director of Strategy, Performance and Governance



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TO THE MEETING



**REPORT of  
DIRECTOR OF STRATEGY, PERFORMANCE AND GOVERNANCE**

**To  
NORTH WESTERN AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE  
8 SEPTEMBER 2021**

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**AGENDA ITEM NO. 5**

<b>Application Number</b>	<b>21/00554/FUL</b>
<b>Location</b>	The Essex Wildlife Trust Nature Reserve Blue House Farm Blue House Farm Chase North Fambridge
<b>Proposal</b>	Deepening a 22ha. wetland scrape in three locations. Construction of raised walkway, screening bunds, base for wildlife hide and areas above the waterline for roosting and nesting birds. Installation of 2000m of anti-predator fence to a height of 1.8m to replace existing anti-predator fence.
<b>Applicant</b>	Essex Wildlife Trust
<b>Agent</b>	Harry Smith – Essex Wildlife Trust
<b>Target Decision Date</b>	28 September 2021
<b>Case Officer</b>	Kathryn Mathews
<b>Parish</b>	Purleigh and North Fambridge
<b>Reason for Referral to the Committee / Council</b>	Major Application

**7 CONSULTATIONS AND REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED (PAGES 27-28)**

**7.1 Representations received from Parish / Town Councils**

<b>Name of Parish / Town Council</b>	<b>Comment</b>	<b>Officer Response</b>
North Fambridge Parish Council	This scheme will benefit wildlife and public accessibility to the unique environment of Blue House Farm.	Noted

**7.2 Statutory Consultees and Other Organisations (summarised)**

<b>Name of Statutory Consultee / Other Organisation</b>	<b>Comment</b>	<b>Officer Response</b>
Essex County Council SuDS Team	No objections.	Noted – refer to section 5.6 of report
Natural England	The previous development, in its	Noted – a HRA will need to be completed before

<b>Name of Statutory Consultee / Other Organisation</b>	<b>Comment</b>	<b>Officer Response</b>
	<p>entirety, was considered to be directly connected with or necessary to the conservation management of the Crouch &amp; Roach Estuaries SPA and Ramsar site. However, parts of the current proposal are not directly connected to conservation management needed to maintain/restore the site features, and therefore a Habitats Regulations Assessment is required.</p>	<p>planning permission is granted.</p>