

CIRCULATED PRIOR
TO THE MEETING



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

To
NORTH WESTERN AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE
8 SEPTEMBER 2021

MEMBERS' UPDATE

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5

Application Number	21/00554/FUL
Location	The Essex Wildlife Trust Nature Reserve Blue House Farm Blue House Farm Chase North Fambridge
Proposal	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.
Applicant	Essex Wildlife Trust
Agent	Harry Smith – Essex Wildlife Trust
Target Decision Date	28 September 2021
Case Officer	Kathryn Mathews
Parish	Purleigh and North Fambridge
Reason for Referral to the Committee / Council	Major Application

7 CONSULTATIONS AND REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED (PAGES 27-28)

7.1 Representations received from Parish / Town Councils

Name of Parish / Town Council	Comment	Officer Response
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)

Name of Statutory Consultee / Other Organisation	Comment	Officer Response
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

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	<p>entirety, was considered to be directly connected with or necessary to the conservation management of the Crouch & 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>