

Soil Management Statement.

To form the new pond, it is proposed to excavate in the region of 10 cubic metres of earth over an area of 50 square metres to a maximum depth of 700 mm below existing ground level, as shown on drawing no. 1354.11.

With the excavation to this depth the majority of the soil excavated will be topsoil which will be spread evenly around the perimeter of the pond to a maximum height of 400mm above existing ground level providing a small mound to assist in retaining the water within the pond. None of the soil excavated will need to be removed from site.

A primary objective of this proposal is to conserve and enhance biodiversity. The SDNPA validation list refers to chapter 15 of the NPPF for advice on soil management. This chapter includes paragraph 180 which states that where the primary objective of this proposal is to conserve and enhance biodiversity it should be supported.