

15/00408 Land to the rear of Lifford Gardens/Abbots Grange, 5 Church Street, Broadway.

Flood alleviation scheme comprising an earth bund, flood storage area, control structure, fish passage improvement/brook restoration works, maintenance access track, and landscaping.

The Cotswolds Conservation Board wish to respond as follows to this application:

The Board has been involved at the pre-application stage but had hoped to be involved in a final site meeting before submission of the application.

The Board raises no comments in respect of the principle of the development but does raise the following matters that could be secured by planning condition:

- We recommend the provision of a detailed landscaping condition with a management plan to secure the future grazing use of the land and ensure suitable maintenance of the landscaping.
- We recommend grazing of the whole site (rather than the separate proposed mowing of the embankment).
- It is important the character of the field retains some of its agricultural character (rather than becoming a parkland type environment). Again this is a matter that is best secured through landscaping and future management. We would be happy to discuss suitable species in respect of native grassland/hedge/tree planting if an appropriate landscaping condition is provided.
- We would recommend that concrete is coloured to match the local stone colour.
- The application should be considered in the light of paragraphs 115 and 116 of the NPPF as we would consider it to be "major development" in terms of scale.