## Ecological Development Plan linked to Condition 4 of application W/21/1871...Leek Wootton Recreation Ground Car Park redevelopment project (June 2023)

## **Context:**

- 1. The redevelopment of the Recreation Ground car park has enabled steps to be taken to improve the bio-diversity of the whole area.
- 2. An appraisal of the current state of bio-diversity within the area has been carried out.
- 3. This appraisal has led to an Action plan including targets to improve and maintain species, habitat and diversity.

## Site description illustrated in plan drawing:

- 1. The whole site is a redeveloped car park that serves the local village community which includes a Village Hall, Sports Club and the Recreation Ground and Children's playground.
- 2. In addition there is a triangular grassed area of approximately 160 sq metres. This encompasses the War memorial stone and four memorial trees.
- 3. There is also an enclosed garden on the east side of the village hall

## **Areas for Development:**

- 1. To undertake the planting of native tree species
- 2. To develop a wildflower meadow, establishing habitats for native species of pollinators and establish a meadow experience for the community
- 3. To erect bat boxes to encourage and protect the species within our local area *NB No bats were identified in this area in the survey carried by Arbtech in 2021*
- 4. To erect sparrow terraces to encourage and protect the species within our local area (6 individual bird boxes are already well established on trees in the Village Hall Garden)