Our Ref: EF/P20-0137/Con

14th August 2023

Wiltshire Council,
County Hall,
Bythesea Road,
Trowbridge,
BA14 8JN

Planning Portal Reference: PP-12381029

Dear Sir/Madam,

Application to Discharge Conditions attached to Planning Permission (Reference: 20/06840/FUL) on:

Land North of Melksham Substation, Near Melksham, Wiltshire.

I am instructed by our clients, JBM Solar Projects 13 Ltd, to submit the necessary details to discharge Conditions attached to planning permission 20/06840/FUL for the site known as Land North of Melksham Substation.

This application seeks the approval of details, relating to the following:

- Condition 10 - Construction Environmental Management Plan; and
- Condition 12 - Monitoring Strategy.

I now enclose the completed application form and the following details to discharge these pre-commencement conditions in respect of Land North of Melksham Substation.

Condition 10 states:

> **"No development shall commence on site (including ground works and vegetation clearance) until a Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The CEMP shall explain how the construction works will be managed to avoid impacts on biodiversity and how compliance with the Site Layout and Planting Plan (drawing no. P20-0137_09 Rev I) will be achieved on site, and shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, the following:**

a) Risk assessment of potentially damaging construction activities

b) Identification of 'biodiversity protection zones', including LWS, ancient woodland, trees, hedges, ditches., and provision for protection of all wildlife identified as present or likely to be present within a zone of influence

c) Practical measures (both physical measures and sensitive working practices) to avoid or reduce impacts during construction (may be provided as a set of method statements)

d) The location and timing of sensitive works to avoid harm to biodiversity features

e) Update of surveys as required prior to start of works, especially for badgers

f) No dig construction methods where construction within 15m of ancient woodland is unavoidable.

g) Use of protective fences, exclusion barriers and warning signs

h) Reasonable Avoidance Measures (RAMs) for Dormice and Great Crested Newts

i) Identify all timing constraints on works e.g. in relation to breeding birds, hedgerow removal.

j) If construction lighting is required, a strategy must be included in the CEMP which clearly demonstrates no impacts on sensitive, retained habitat features.

k) The role and responsibilities on site of an ecological clerk of works (ECoW) or similarly competent person(s)

l) The times during construction when specialists' ecologists need to be present on site to oversee works

m) Responsible persons and lines of communication

n) Ongoing monitoring, including compliance checks by a competent person(s) during construction and immediately post-completion of construction works.

The approved CEMP shall be adhered to and implemented throughout the construction period strictly in accordance with the approved details.

A report prepared by a competent person(s), certifying that the required mitigation and/or compensation measures identified in the CEMP have been completed to their satisfaction, shall be submitted to the Local Planning Authority within 3 months of the date of substantial

completion of the development or at the end of the next available planting season, whichever is the sooner."

Accordingly, please find enclosed the following for consideration:

Title	Revision
Construction Environmental Management Plan (Biodiversity)	V2 09/08/2023

Condition 12 states:

"No development shall commence on site until a Monitoring Strategy focused on the key aspects of the Biodiversity Mitigation and Enhancement Plan and Biodiversity Management Plan / Landscape and Ecological Management Plan has been submitted to, and approved in writing by, the Local Planning Authority. The Monitoring Strategy shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, the following information:

a) Commitment to undertake surveys immediately following completion to a) establish how effectively the CEMP was followed and b) to fix the baseline for future monitoring.

b) Identification of the key features to be monitored and methodology to be used.

c) Monitoring targets with specific measurable thresholds for success for each key feature with remediation measures incorporated where necessary.

d) Commitment to continue monitoring for the operational lifetime of the installation in years 1, 3, 5, 10, 25 and 40. and the 5-year aftercare plan following completion of restoration.

e) Commitment to prepare a report after each monitoring exercise, relating findings to those of previous years and the intended targets. The report will be submitted to the Local Planning Authority within 6 months of each monitoring visit.

f) Details of the body or organisation responsible for implementation of the Monitoring Strategy.

The Monitoring Strategy shall be implemented in full in accordance with the approved details for the entire operational lifetime of the installation and the 5 year aftercare plan following completion of restoration."

Accordingly, please find enclosed the following for consideration:

Title	Revision
Monitoring Strategy	V2 09/08/2023

The planning application fee of £116.00 (plus Planning Portal service charge) has been paid direct to the Planning Portal in line with the requirements of an online submission.

I trust the enclosed will enable validation of the application and for its onward progression. However, please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries.

Yours sincerely,



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