Wiltshire Council Planning Consultation Response

ECOLOGY

Officer name: Jenna Buss
Date: **16/08/23**
Application No: PL/2023/05691
Proposal: Discharge of Conditions 3, 4, and 8 of PL/2022/01934
Site Address: No 1-8, Maud Davies Close, Corsley Heath, Wiltshire, BA12 7FF
Case Officer: Gen Collins

Condition No.	Further information required by condition	**Satisfactorily addressed (Document & Date)**
08	i) The development shall be carried out in full accordance with the recommendations of the approved Ecological assessment (dated Feb 2022 by Ethos Environmental Planning) as set out in Section 5. ii) Prior to the commencement of the development of the dwellings above ground floor slab level there shall have been submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority full details of bird and bat boxes to be incorporated within the development in accordance with the recommendations of the approved Ecological Assessment including integrated bat boxes to be incorporated within the fabric of the 2-storey dwellings. iii) There shall be no occupation of the development until the so-approved ecological features have been provided in accordance with the approved details. REASON To provide for biodiversity mitigation and enhancement in accordance with local and national planning policies. INFORMATIVE The details to be submitted under part (ii) of this condition shall include for example, details of the boxes to be installed (eg full product literature) and plans showing clearly, with a statement of justification for, the location, orientation	**NO** **DISCHARGE OF CONDITION 08 OF PLANNING APPLICATION PL/2022/01934** **REF:** Attachment 3 dated February 2022 by Ethos Environmental Planning **16/08/2023**

	and height for their installation; all in pdf format	

Thank you for consulting Ecology, I have reviewed the information submitted in support of the discharge of condition 08 including; **Attachment 3 dated February 2022 by Ethos Environmental Planning**

Bat and Bird Boxes

We note the proposal to include 8 bat and 8 swift boxes into the design as outlined in the drawing included in '*Attachment 3 by Ethos Environmental Planning'*.

We have concerns as to the location and orientation of a number of these integrated boxes. We note that 5 of the bat boxes are situated at an orientation that is either north or east which is unsuitable to support roosting bats. We also note that the majority of both bird and bat boxes are located directly above windows and doors.

We therefore advise that the location and orientation of the bat and bird boxes is reviewed. Locations of boxes must be moved to ensure they are not directly above any windows or doors and that the orientation of all bat boxes is south or westerly. The plan must be updated to reflect this.

Final sign off – all matters addressed:

Ecologist	Date
Jenna Buss	**21/08/2023**