Wiltshire Council

Wiltshire Council Planning Consultation Response

ECOLOGY

Officer name: Jenna Buss
Date: **14/08/2023**
Application No: PL/2023/05204
Proposal: Variation of Condition 6 (Ecology) of 15/01388/OUT (Particulars of Development: . Reserved Matters Details of Layout, Scale, Appearance and Landscaping for the erection of 123 dwellings and associated open space including play area, attenuation basins, and site infrastructure at Land at Quakers Road)
Site Address: Land Off Quakers Road, Devizes, Wiltshire.
Case Officer: Jonathan James

Condition No.	Condition Details	**Satisfactorily addressed (Document & Date)**
06	No development shall commence on site until an Ecological Management Plan has been submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. This should include details of: a) Habitat creation and management measures along Quaker's Walk; b) Mitigation measures for reptiles; c) Monitoring for Annex II bat species; d) Enhancements for Wiltshire BAP habitats/species. For clarity, these details should be represented on a site drawing. All development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved Ecological Management Plan	**Yes** **Variation of condition 6 relating to 15/01388/OUT. Land off Quakers Road** **REF: Bat and Bird Nest box Alternative Locations, June 2023 by BSG.** **15/08/2023**

Thank you for consulting Ecology, I have reviewed the information submitted in support of the discharge of condition 06 including; **Bat and Bird Nest box Alternative Locations, June 2023 by BSG.**

We note the proposal to vary condition 6 including alterations to the locations and design of bat and bird boxes on site. We note the proposal to erect 6 bat boxes and 10 bird boxes within the tree lined avenue along the western edge of the development. In addition, we note that the bird boxes will not be the swift and house martin boxes originally proposed but starling boxes.

This application for variation of Condition 6 is necessary as the integrated bat and bird facilities that should have been delivered under the planning permission, were omitted from the build. The permission required the installation of **integrated** bat and bird facilities. While not ideal, since integrated facilities would have ensured longer term provision for wildlife, it is not possible to retrofit them into the completed development. The external boxes erected in trees, although useful, have a shorter life span, however this is the best available solution, therefore on this occasion we are willing to accept it.

Final sign off – all matters addressed:

Ecologist	Date
Jenna Buss	**15/08/23**