Wiltshire Council

Wiltshire Council Planning Consultation Response

ECOLOGY

Officer name: Rachel Whyte
Date: 07/09/2023
Application No: PL/2023/06814
Proposal: Discharge of Conditions 9, 12, 13, 14, 15 of PL/2021/07203 (12 is relevant to Ecology)
Site Address: Land at Marshall Road, Devizes, Wilts
Case Officer: Jonathan James

Condition No.	Further Information Required by Condition	Satisfactorily Addressed (Document & Date)
12	Prior to the start of construction, a Landscape and Ecology Management Plan (LEMP) shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The LEMP shall include long term objectives and targets, management responsibilities and maintenance schedules for each ecological feature within the development, together with a mechanism for monitoring success of the management prescriptions, incorporating review and necessary adaptive management in order to attain targets. The LEMP shall also include details of the legal and funding mechanism(s) by which long-term implementation of the plan will be secured. The LEMP shall be implemented in full and for the lifetime of the development in accordance with the approved details. REASON: To ensure the long-term management of landscape and ecological features retained and created by the development, for the benefit of visual amenity and biodiversity for the lifetime of the scheme.	**NO 07/09/2023** - The LEMP must include the [Biodiversity Net Gain] target conditions and assessment criteria for each habitat to be managed, e.g., other neutral grassland of moderate condition has been proposed, moderate condition will be achieved by passing five condition criteria, however the management plan does not indicate which criteria these are or how management will be carried out to pass these criteria and therefore achieve moderate condition. This information is required to enable future surveyors to monitor success and carry out subsequent review and updates of the management plan. - More detail is required on the legal and funding mechanism(s) to demonstrate how the management will be funded and secured in the long-term. This should include how future residents will be informed of the integrated features the LEMP states they will be responsible for. - The document must be updated to reflect any changes made in response to ecology comment on REM application (PL/2023/05033).

I am **unable** to agree discharge of condition 12 as the supporting information is insufficient. Please address the issues listed in the above table.

Final sign off – all matters addressed:

Ecologist	Date