Wiltshire Council

Wiltshire Council Planning Consultation Response

ECOLOGY

Officer name: Jenna Buss
Date: **19/09/23**
Application No: PL/2023/06134
Proposal: Discharge of conditions 3, 4 and 5 of PL/2023/0130
Site Address: Saddlepack Farm, Stert, Devizes, SN10 3HZ
Case Officer: Lucy Rutter-Dowd

Condition No.	Further information required by condition	**Satisfactorily addressed (Document & Date)**
05	Prior to the commencement of any works, including any further vegetation removal, details of the following shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority: 1) location, area and species of compensatory tree and native shrub planting within a suitable area of the site, that will replace the functionality of the hedgerows adjacent to the buildings. 2) the number, design and locations of roosting opportunities for bats and nesting opportunities for birds shall be submitted to the local authority for approval. These details should be clearly shown on a site plan. The approved details shall be implemented before occupation of the final works. 3) The plan will also show details of areas to be planted up with additional trees/hedges, to increase the quality and functionality of the existing habitat within the site, for the benefit of local wildlife. Biodiversity enhancements will remain available for the targeted species for the lifetime of the development. REASON: Insufficient information was submitted with the application to enable this matter to be considered prior to determination, and the matter is required to be agreed before the commencement of development to provide	**YES** **19/09/2023** **REF: Landscape Plan 02760-00-J dated 19/7/2023, Bourne Valley Associates.**

	enhancement for biodiversity.	

Thank you for consulting Ecology, I have reviewed the Landscape Plan together with the bird and bat box design proposals which were submitted in support of the discharge of condition 05.

We welcome the proposal to provide additional hedging, together with bat and bird boxes, to ensure the functionality of the hedgerows on site. In addition, we welcome the enhancement planting in the copse area to remain available for the targeted species for the lifetime of the development. Assuming works are carried out in accordance with the landscape plan, we would support the discharge of this condition.

Final sign off – all matters addressed:

Ecologist	Date
Jenna Buss	**19/09/23**