Wiltshire Council

Wiltshire Council Planning Consultation Response

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Officer name: Jenna Buss
Date: **10/10/2023**
Application No: PL/2023/08039
Proposal: Discharge of Condition 11 relating to application 20/06840/FUL (Construction of a solar farm and battery storage facility together with all associated works, equipment and necessary infrastructure.)
Site Address: Land North of Melksham Substation, Near Melksham, Wiltshire
Case Officer: Jemma Foster

Condition No.	Further information required by condition	**Satisfactorily addressed (Document & Date)**
11	No development shall commence on site until a Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (LEMP) has been submitted to, and approved in writing by, the Local Planning Authority. The LEMP shall explain how habitats will be managed to achieve the predicted biodiversity net gains as represented on the submitted Biodiversity Management Plan (drawing no. P20-0137_19 Rev C) during the operational phase of development. The content of the LEMP shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, the following information: a) Description and evaluation of features to be managed during the operational phase of development for its entire temporary lifetime. b) Landscape and ecological trends and constraints on site that might influence management; c) Aims and objectives of management; d) Appropriate management options for achieving aims and objectives; e) Prescriptions for management actions; f) Preparation of a work schedule (including an annual work plan capable of being rolled forward over the lifetime of the development including the decommissioning phase); g) Details of the body or organisation responsible for implementation of the plan; h) Ongoing monitoring and remedial measures; i) Details of how the aims and objectives of the LEMP will be communicated to	**Yes** **10/10/23** **REF: Landscape and Ecological Management Plan, September 2023 by Avian Ecology** **Site Layout and Planting Drawing P20-0137_09 Rev J** **Biodiversity Mitigation and Enhancement Plan P20-0137-19 Rev C**

	future owners of the development. j) Details of a mechanism for adaptive management to achieve the longterm objectives of the approved Biodiversity Mitigation and Enhancement Plan as a result of actions arising from the Monitoring Strategy (as required by condition 12). The LEMP shall also include details of the legal and funding mechanism(s) by which the long-term implementation of the plan will be secured by the developer with the management body/ies responsible for its delivery. The plan shall also set out (where the results from monitoring show that the conservation aims and objectives of the LEMP are not being met) how contingencies and/or remedial action will be identified, agreed and implemented. The LEMP shall be implemented in full in accordance with the approved details. REASON: The matter is required to be agreed with the Local Planning Authority in order that the development is undertaken in an acceptable manner, to ensure adequate protection, mitigation and compensation for protected species, priority species and priority habitats. NOTE: A Biodiversity Management Plan has been submitted and this must be the basis of the LEMP if extended to cover additional issues required in the LEMP. Evidence will be required to demonstrate how management will be delivered and to prove it will be effective.	

We welcome the LEMP submitted in support of the discharge of condition 11.

Assuming works are carried out as stated within the submitted report, we would not object to the discharge of conditions 11.

Final sign off – all matters addressed:

Ecologist	Date
Jenna Buss	**10/10/23**