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Wiltshire Council Planning Consultation Response

ECOLOGY

Officer name: Jenna Buss
Date: **12/10/23**
Application No: PL/2023/06079
Proposal: Discharge of Conditions 3 and 4 on PL/2022/05507 (Extension to dwellinghouse following demolition of barn and associated works)
Site Address: Stitchcombe Mill, Stitchcombe, Marlborough, SN8 2EU
Case Officer: Ruaridh O'Donoghue

Condition No.	Further information required by condition	**Satisfactorily addressed (Document & Date)**
03	Prior to the commencement of works, including demolition, ground works/excavation, site clearance, vegetation clearance and boundary treatment works, a Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) shall be submitted to the local planning authority for approval in writing. The Plan shall provide details of the avoidance, mitigation and protective measures to be implemented before and during the construction phase, including but not necessarily limited to, the following: A. Identification of ecological protection areas/buffer zones and tree root protection areas and details of physical means of protection, e.g. exclusion fencing. B. Working method statements for protected/priority species and habitats such as those outlined in the ecology reports and any other measures for designated wildlife sites (River Kennet SSSI and Deciduous Woodland HPI), nesting birds, bats (including measures to avoid and reduce artificial light), badgers, amphibians and reptiles. C. Mitigation strategies already agreed with the local planning authority prior to determination, such as for bats and birds; this should comprise the preconstruction/construction-related elements of strategies only.	**NO** **10/10/2023** **REF: Construction Environment Management Plan, June 2023 by Smith Heritage Builders of Distinction**

	D. Work schedules for activities with specific timing requirements in order to avoid/reduce potential harm to ecological receptors; including details of when a licensed ecologist and/or ecological clerk of works (ECoW) shall be present on site. E. Key personnel, responsibilities and contact details (including Site Manager and ecologist/ECoW). Development shall be carried out in strict accordance with the approved CEMP. REASON: To ensure adequate protection and mitigation for ecological receptors prior to and during construction, and that works are undertaken in line with current best practice and industry standards and are supervised by a suitably licensed and competent professional ecological consultant where applicable.	

Thank you for consulting Ecology, I have reviewed the information submitted in support of the discharge of condition 03 which included a Construction Environment Management Plan, June 2023 by Smith Heritage Builders of Distinction.

We welcome the information included within the CEMP to date. However, additional information in relation to ecology will be required prior to discharge of this condition.

We note the proposal to use herras fencing with protective covers to protect the water course. However, we advise that the location of this fencing is included on a drawing and submitted in support of the CEMP.

Working method statements for protected/priority species were also requested. Section 3 of the report refers to attached method statements however, none are attached. We would advise that these method statements are included, or section 3 is amended.

Bat roosts are present on site but no mitigation strategies to support this species is included within the CEMP. We therefore advise that additional information relating to bats is included. This should consist of a precautionary working method statement with regards to bats and/or the method statement submitted in support of any licence sought from NE.

Details of the experienced personnel who will undertake any pre commencement surveys including the bird habitat risk assessment, water vole and bat surveys should also be provided and included within section 12 of the CEMP.

Due to the location of the works and potential for protected species on site, a statement to include that no external construction lighting will be used should also be included.

Final sign off – all matters addressed:

Ecologist	Date
Jenna Buss	**16/10/23**