1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Full planning consent (PL/2021/04036) was granted by Wiltshire Council on 24th April 2023 for the change of use from 'Industrial processes' to holiday let and associated conversion works at disused pump houses at Luccombe Mill, Bratton. Condition 4 of this consent states:

No development shall commence on site until;

a) full details (including tree list and planting plan) of the proposed 430m2 of woodland as shown on plan PD/14/LOC - Rev C has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority and;

b) The new woodland area is provided and fully laid out in accordance with the approved planting plan.

REASON: In the interests of mitigating any impacts on the SSSI and for habitat enhancement

Aims and Purpose of this Report

1.2 As stated in above, this technical note has been prepared to inform the discharge Condition 4 of the planning consent. It provides recommendations for the implementation of the woodland planting scheme

1.3 This report does not address any mitigation during the construction period. All environmental protection measures during construction that is detailed within the CEMP. In addition, the Habitat Management Plan sets out the on-going management and monitoring for the woodland.

2.0 KEY RESPONSIBILITIES AND PERSONNEL

Client

2.1 The Client (Henry Pelly, Pelly Developments) will be responsible for the implementation of this Habitat Management Plan.

3.0 PROPOSED HABITAT MITIGATION, ENHANCEMENT AND COMPENSATION MEASURES

3.1 The proposals will include the enhancement of the woodland to the rear of the pumphouses, within the existing chain line fence. The additional planting within include one *Quercus robur* and one *Acer campestre*, species which are present within the adjacent woodland. The area of grassland to the front of the pumphouse will be overseeded with a woodland mix, such as the Emorsgate Seeds mix 'EW1.

General Recommendations

3.2 The following general recommendations are made:

- Tree planting operations should be in accordance with British Standard (BS 8545:2014) Trees: from nursery to independence in the landscape

- Planting material is to be sourced from reputable nurseries to avoid the spread of potential pests and plant disease which may threaten the health of proposed or existing planting material. Plants should conform to BS 3936-1 (1992), and be in accordance with the National Plant Specification. Nurseries supplying plant stock should be registered under the Horticultural Trades Association (HTA) Nursery Certification Scheme
- Landscape operations should be in accordance with British Standard (BS 4428:1989) Code of practice for general landscape operations (excluding hard surfaces)
- Cultivation and spreading of topsoil should take place when soil is reasonably dry and workable. Soil operations, planting and seeding should not take place in frozen weather conditions or in periods when the soil is waterlogged.
- Trees should not be planted during periods of high winds.
- Bare-root planting stock should be kept covered until it is due to be planted to minimise water loss.
- New planting should be adequately protected from grazing. using appropriately sized protective shelters supported by canes and/or wooden stakes.
- Where there is animal grazing on land adjacent, a secure stock-proof fence or protective shelter should be erected to protect new planting stock. If there is evidence of rabbits in the area, fencing should be made rabbit-proof.
- New planting should be watered at the end of each day of planting.
- Should plant or tree deaths be the result of specific site conditions, this is be investigated and resolved where possible, before replanting.

Tree Planting

- Trees will be planted at 2m x 2m density i.e. two metres between each rows, with 2m between each tree.
- A mulch of $1m^2$ will be planted around the base of each tree.
- Tree species should be planted during the dormant season between late mid-November and the end of March.
- Trees should be checked on each maintenance visit, and those which have died or have suffered serious physical damage to such a degree where they no longer provide useful landscape function, should be: removed from site, with the stake/support, and the ground reinstated; or replaced according to the period noted in the planning conditions, with a tree equal to that first planted during the next planting season.
- An assessment on the condition of each tree should be made during November/December of the planting season following planting, with dead, dying or vandalised plants replaced. Before replanting, the cause of death should be determined with inadequacies dealt with.

- Plants and planting should comply with the original specification. After this - according to the period noted in the planning conditions - an assessment of the condition of trees should be made at the end of each growing season, and those that have failed to establish satisfactorily, died, been vandalised, or removed, should be replaced with a tree equal to that first planted during the next planting season.

4.0 SPECIES COMPOSITION

4.1 The species mix will be:

- *Quercus robur* 40%
- *Fagus sylvatica* 30%
- *Acer campestre 10%*
- *Viburnum lantana 10%*
- *Prunus spinosa 10%*

Appendix 1 : Location of Woodland Planting

