Wiltshire Council Planning Consultation Response

Ecology

Officer name: Mary Holmes MCIEEM

Date: 15/02/2024

Application No: PL/2023/10892

Details: Planning Conditions 9 & 10

Site Address: The Gate House, Werg Gardens, Werg Lane, Mildenhall, SN8 2LY
Case Officer: Steve Tapscott

Planning Condition 9 (Scheme for the protection of retained trees) details:
No site clearance, preparatory work or development shall take place until a scheme for the protection of the retained trees as shown on the approved plans (the tree protection plan) and the appropriate working methods (the arboricultural method statement) in accordance with British Standard BS 5837: Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction - Recommendations (or in an equivalent British Standard if replaced) have been submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. The scheme for the protection of the retained trees shall be carried out as approved.

Comments
The submitted BS:5837 Arboricultural Report (Duckworths Arboriculture Ltd, November 2023) including separately attached Tree Protection Plan provides sufficient detail to discharge planning condition 9.

Planning Condition 10 (Ecology Mitigation & Enhancement Strategy) details:
Prior to the commencement of the development hereby approved, an appropriate Ecological Mitigation and Enhancement Strategy, including a timetable of implementation, based on the recommendations made in the Preliminary Ecological Appraisal by Arbtech dated 27 October 2022 shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. The works shall thereafter be carried out in accordance with the approved details and timetable and shall be permanently retained thereafter.

Comments
The Ecological Mitigation and Enhancement Strategy (Lawson, October 2023) submitted provides sufficient detail to discharge planning condition 10.