Wiltshire Council Planning Consultation Response

ECOLOGY

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Date: 03/01/2024 08/04/2024
Application No: PL/2023/09074
Proposal: Discharge of conditions 16, 17 and 21 of 20/11515/OUT (16 and 17 are relevant to Ecology)
Site Address: Land South of Sandhole Lane, Westbury, Wilts, BA13 3SX
Case Officer: Steven Sims

Condition No.	Further Information Required by Condition	Satisfactorily Addressed (Document & Date)
16	A Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (LEMP) shall be submitted to, and approved in writing by, the Local Planning Authority before commencement of the 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; 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 a 5 year period); 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 future occupiers of the development. 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.	**YES 08/04/2024** - Landscape and Ecology Management Plan. Report ref: 1712B-LEMP-VB-REV2. March 2024. GE Consulting. ~~**NO 03/01/2024**~~ ~~- Landscape and Ecology Management Plan. Report ref: 1712B-LEMP-VB. September 2023. GE Consulting.~~ ~~Check LEMP aligns other documents e.g., Table 3: Protected Species Features appears to have different quantities of features to the Landscape General Arrangement Plan and Ecological Impact Assessment. The Cockchafer Larvae Survey Report concludes that appropriate management of retained and created habitats could be beneficial to invertebrates which are known prey for bats, no mention of this has however been included in the LEMP.~~

17	No development shall commence on site (including demolition, ground works, vegetation clearance) until a Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) has been submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. The CEMP shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, the following: a) Risk assessment of potentially damaging construction activities; b) Identification of 'biodiversity protection zones'; c) Practical measures (both physical measures and sensitive working practices) to avoid or reduce impacts during construction (may be provided as a set of method statements); d) The location and timing of sensitive works to avoid harm to biodiversity features; e) The times during construction when specialist ecologists need to be present on site to oversee works; f) Responsible persons and lines of communication; g) The role and responsibilities on site of an ecological clerk of works (ECoW) or similarly competent person(s); h) Use of protective fences, exclusion barriers and warning signs; i) Ongoing monitoring, including compliance checks by a competent person(s) during construction and immediately post-completion of construction works. The approved CEMP shall be adhered to and implemented throughout the construction period strictly in accordance with the approved details. A report prepared by a competent person(s), certifying that the required mitigation and/or compensation measures identified in the CEMP have been completed to their satisfaction, shall be submitted to the Local Planning Authority within 3 months of the date of substantial completion of the development or at the end of the next available planting season, whichever is the sooner.	**YES 08/04/2024** - Construction Environmental Management Plan. Report ref: 1712B-CEMP-VB-REV2. March 2024. GE Consulting. ~~**NO 03/01/2024**~~ ~~- Construction Environmental Management Plan. Report ref: 1712B-CEMP-VB. September 2023. GE Consulting.~~ ~~Appendix 3 should contain the most up-to-date version of the Landscape General Arrangement Plan which shows the secology corridors.~~ ~~The CEMP should be checked against the Construction Method Statement to ensure these documents do not contradict each other, for example with regard to lighting.~~

~~I am unable to agree discharge of condition 16 and 17 as the supporting information is insufficient. Please address the issues listed in the above table.~~ ~~**Please note: when resubmitting a revised document, ALL changes must be highlighted to enable review.**~~

The submitted documents are sufficient to enable discharge of conditions 16 and 17.

Final sign off – all matters addressed:

Ecologist	Date
Rachel Whyte	**08/04/2024**