Wiltshire Council Planning Consultation Response

ECOLOGY

Officer name: Max Hemmings, Ecologist
Date: **11/04/2024**
Application No: **PL/2023/11079**
Proposal: Discharge Conditions 3, 4, 8, 11, 15, 16 and 17 on PL/2023/00958 - Erection of 132 dwellings, public open space and associated infrastructure, with 0.2ha of land safeguarded for a nursery. (*and * are relevant to Ecology)
Site Address: Land at Filands Road / Jenners Lane, Malmesbury, SN16 9GT
Case Officer: Adrian Walker

Condition No.	Further information required by condition	**Satisfactorily addressed (Document & Date)**
3	No part of the development hereby permitted shall be occupied until a Landscape and Ecology Management Plan (LEMP) prepared in accordance with Section 4.0 and Table 5.1 of the Ecological Impact Assessment (ead Ecology, January 2023) has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The LEMP shall include long term objectives and targets, management responsibilities and maintenance schedules for each ecological feature within the development, together with a mechanism for monitoring success of the management prescriptions, incorporating review and necessary adaptive management in order to attain targets. The LEMP shall also include details of the legal and funding mechanism(s) by which long-term implementation of the plan will be secured. The LEMP shall be implemented in full and for the lifetime of the development in accordance with the approved details. REASON: To ensure the long-term management of landscape and ecological features retained and created by the development, for the benefit of visual amenity and biodiversity for the lifetime of the scheme.	**YES** Landscape and Ecological Management Plan, Land at Filands Road, 2 31120_P1176_LEMP_Final, Date: 24/11/2023 by EAD Ecology **11/04/2024**

4	Prior to the commencement of development, including demolition, ground works/excavation, site clearance, vegetation clearance and boundary treatment works, a Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) in accordance with Section 4.0 and Table 5.1 of the Ecological Impact Assessment (ead Ecology, January 2023) shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The CEMP 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, such as nesting birds and reptiles. c) 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. D) Key personnel, responsibilities and contact details (including Site Manager and ecologist/EcoW). e) Timeframe for provision of compliance report to the local planning authority; to be completed by the ecologist/EcoW and to include photographic evidence. 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.	**Partially** Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP), Land at Filands, Date: 26 July 2023, Rev 00 by RSK Environmental Ltd **See comment below this table for information requirements.** **11/04/2024**

Condition 4 – CEMP

Figure 2 needs to be updated to align with the site compound shown in the PL/2024/00192 variation of condition application.

Table 3 – amend “would” and “should” to “will”.

The suitable habitat where amphibians and reptiles will be located to if found on site needs to be specified. If the suitable habitat is outside of the redline boundary confirmation will be required from the relevant landowner that access for this purpose will be permitted.

The “Tree Retention and Protection” section in Table 3 needs to link to the Appendix D Tree Retention Plan.

The timeframe for provision of compliance report to the local planning authority has not been provided.

Final sign off – all matters addressed:

Ecologist	Date