Wiltshire Council Planning Consultation Response

ECOLOGY

Officer name:	Max Hemmings
Date:	24/04/2024
Application number:	PL/2023/09648
Proposal:	Demolition of existing outdated and unsafe workshop, stores and office and construction of contemporary replacement workshop, stores and office
Site address:	Land at Old Nethermore Pit, Naish Hill, Lacock, Chippenham, Wiltshire, SN15 2QH
Case officer:	Rose Fox

Recommendations:

	No Comment
	Support
	No objection
X	Condition (no objection subject to conditions)
	Objection - further information required
	Objection in principle
	HRA completed

The ecology report (*Preliminary Ecological Appraisal, Land At Old Nethermore Pit by Chalkhill Environmental Consultants)* submitted to this application is welcomed. The report details a sufficient survey effort to determine the ecological baseline of the site and the suitable mitigation measures to ensure the continued functionality of the area for biodiversity.

The ecology survey effort is considered suitable to determine the ecological baseline of the site and confirmed the following within the Zone of Influence of the proposed development:

- No habitat of ecological significance will be lost as a result of the proposed work
- The likely absence of significant impact to protected species

CONDITIONS:

1. **Lighting**

No external light fixture or fitting will be installed within the application site unless details of existing and proposed new lighting have been submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority in writing.

The plans will be in accordance with the appropriate Environmental Zone standards set out by the Institution of Lighting Professionals (ILP) Guidance Notes on the Avoidance of Obtrusive Light (GN 01/2021) and Guidance note GN08/23 “Bats and artificial lighting at night”, issued by the Bat Conservation Trust and Institution of Lighting Professionals.

REASON: To avoid illumination of habitat used by bats.

2. Compliance with submitted documents

The development will be carried out in strict accordance with the following documents:

- Section 7 (Biodiversity Net Gain) of the report: Preliminary Ecological Appraisal, Land At Old Nethermore Pit by Chalkhill Environmental Consultants

The installation of the biodiversity mitigation and enhancement measures will be supervised by a professional ecologist and will continue to be available for wildlife for the lifetime of the development.

REASON: For the avoidance of doubt and for the protection, mitigation and enhancement of biodiversity.

INFORMATIVES

The applicant should note that under the terms of the Wildlife and Countryside Act (1981) and the Habitats Regulations (2017) it is an offence to disturb or harm any protected species including for example, breeding birds and reptiles. The protection offered to some species such as bats, extends beyond the individual animals to the places they use for shelter or resting. Please note that this consent does not override the statutory protection afforded to any such species. In the event that your proposals could potentially affect a protected species you should seek the advice of a suitably qualified and experienced ecologist and consider the need for a licence from Natural England prior to commencing works. Please see Natural England's website for further information on protected species.

Final sign off – all matters addressed:

Ecologist **Max Hemmings**	Date **24/04/2024**