

Wiltshire Council Planning Consultation Response

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Officer name: Elizabeth Burrows
Date: 09/01/2026
Application No: PL/2025/09550
Proposal: Discharge of conditions 9 Biodiversity Mitigation and Enhancement Plan, 10 Construction Ecological Management Plan (CEcMP) and 11 Landscape and Ecology Management Plan (LEMP) of planning application PL/2021/06918 (Full planning application for 61 dwellings, access and open space following the demolition of two dwellings (Kilmayne and Perrying, Station Road); and Outline planning application for 0.72ha of employment land for Use Class E))
Site Address: Land at Widham Farm, Purton
Case Officer: Samantha Stockley

Condition No.	Further information required by condition	Satisfactorily addressed (Document & Date)
9	No development, including vegetation removal and demolition, shall commence within the residential development hereby permitted until a Biodiversity Mitigation and Enhancement Plan has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The Plan shall include, but not be limited to, the location and specification of bird and bat boxes, hedgehog highways, and reptile hibernacula to be installed. The building elevation plans, where relevant, shall be updated to show the indicative locations of any integrated mitigation features. The approved measures/features shall be implemented in full under the supervision of a professional ecologist prior to the first occupation of the residential development hereby permitted and thereafter retained.	Yes – Figure 1 Biodiversity Mitigation and Enhancement Plan embedded in the Landscape and Ecological Management Plan. Widham Farm, Purton, Wiltshire. Report Reference 2746-LEMP-RY-V2 (GE, 17/10/2025). Great Crested Newt District Level Licensing Impact Assessment and Conservation Payment Certificate DLL-ENQ-WILT-00137 Elevation plans as submitted.
10	No development, including demolition, ground works/excavation, site clearance, vegetation clearance and boundary treatment works, shall commence within the residential development hereby permitted until a Construction Ecological Management Plan (CEcMP) has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The CEcMP 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: • Identification of ecological protection areas/buffer zones and tree root protection areas and details of physical means of protection, such as exclusion fencing;	Yes – Construction Ecological Management Plan. Widham Farm, Purton, Wiltshire. Report Reference 2746-CEMP-EB (GE, 16/10/2025). Great Crested Newt District Level Licensing Impact Assessment and Conservation Payment Certificate DLL-ENQ-WILT-00137

	• Working method statements for protected/priority species, such as nesting birds and reptiles; • Mitigation strategies, insofar as relevant to preconstruction/construction activities, already agreed with the Local Planning Authority prior to determination, such as for great crested newts, dormice and bats; • 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; • Key personnel, responsibilities and contact details (including the Site Manager and ecologist/ECoW); • 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 implemented in full accordance with the approved CEcMP	
11	No development shall commence within the residential development hereby permitted until a Landscape and Ecology Management Plan (LEMP) 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 shall be secured. The LEMP shall be implemented in full and for the lifetime of the development in accordance with the approved details	Yes – Landscape and Ecological Management Plan. Widham Farm, Purton, Wiltshire. Report Reference 2746-LEMP-RY-V2 (GE, 17/10/2025). Great Crested Newt District Level Licensing Impact Assessment and Conservation Payment Certificate DLL-ENQ-WILT-00137

Condition 9 – Note to Case Officer

For the purposes of proper planning, Figure 1: Biodiversity Mitigation and Enhancement Plan, as embedded within the Landscape and Ecological Management Plan, Widham Farm, Purton, Wiltshire (Report Reference 2746-LEMP-RY-V2, GE, 17/10/2025), should be submitted as a stand-alone drawing to ensure that the development can be secured in accordance with the approved biodiversity measures.

North Meadow and Clattinger Farm SAC

The development lies within the outer zone of influence (4.2 – 9.4km) for the North Meadow National Nature Reserve (NNR)/Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) component of North Meadow and Clattinger Farm SAC, notified as an exceptional example of lowland meadow with a very high proportion of the surviving UK population of snake's head fritillary. The development is screened into Appropriate Assessment under the Habitat Regulations 2017 (as amended) on account of its potential to cause adverse effects through increased recreational pressure, which may occur alone or in-combination with other plans and projects.

The Inspector for the appeal APP/Y3940/W/24/3347445 concluded the AA favourably based on payment of the agreed Recreational Impacts Mitigation Contribution prior to construction commencing. This is a pre-commencement contribution secured by Schedule 10 of S106. Assuming this payment is made the Appropriate Assessment can be concluded favourably.

Final sign off – all matters addressed:

Ecologist	Date
Elizabeth Burrows	16/01/2026