

Wiltshire Council Planning Consultation Response

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Officer name: Mary Holmes MCIEEM
Date: 03/09/2025
Application No: PL/2026/03577
Proposal: Discharge of Condition 14 of PL/2022/05360
Site Address: Land to the north of Marshall Road, Devizes, Wilts
Case Officer: Lucy Rutter-Dowd

Condition No.	Details of Planning Condition	Satisfactorily addressed (document & date)
14	<i>No development shall take place until a Landscape and Ecology Management Plan (LEMP), prepared in accordance with the measures outlined in the approved Ecological Parameters Plan Rev 1.12 (JH Ecology, March 2023) and Ecology Technical Note (JH Ecology November 2020) 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.</i> <i>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 to ensure long-term management of landscape and ecological features for the lifetime of the development, in accordance with the approved details.</i> <i>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.</i>	No. The submitted Habitat Management and Monitoring Plan is not considered sufficient to discharge the condition at this time. See comments below.
	<u>Ecology Comments</u>	
	Whilst the submitted document sets out habitat management and monitoring prescriptions, it does not demonstrate how a number of the ecological enhancement measures secured through the planning permission will be delivered. In particular, while the ecological features listed below while are shown on a landscape plan, they form part of the ecological enhancements and mitigation and therefore should be included in a document submitted to discharge this planning condition.	

	The additional enhancement measures are: • Hedgehog highways within boundary fencing; • Thirty-two bird nest boxes; • Six integrated bat boxes; • Three external bat boxes; • Hedgerow gaps; • Ten purpose-built invertebrate bricks. <i>To ensure that the approved ecological enhancements are appropriately monitored and maintained throughout the management period, the HMMP (or similar document) should be updated and include the details on the above and accompanied by revised plans clearly showing the location and specification of all ecological enhancement features listed above.</i>	
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Final sign off – all matters addressed:

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