

FAO: Marshall Road, Devizes
11th September 2026

Dear Joe Edgard,

RE: Land to the north of Marshall Road, Devizes

Ethos Environmental Planning (Ethos) have produced this Ecological Enhancement Plan in response to comments made by Mary Holmes (Ecology Officer at Wiltshire Council). The comments related to the discharge of Condition 14 of PL/2022/05360 – Land to the north of Marshall Road, Devizes. The comments are as follows:

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.*

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.

The site's ecological baseline and mitigation requirements are set out in full in the supporting ecological report(s) and are not repeated in full here; this EEP focuses on the enhancement measures to be delivered and their management.

Proposed ecological provisions are detailed in table 1 and shown on Figure 1-8.

Table 1 Ecological provisions

Provision	Description and Location to be Installed	Photograph
32 x Orlando swift nest box	Installed as a cluster/terrace arrangement a minimum of 5metres high under the eaves or within the gable/soffit detailing, as swifts are colonial nesters. Precise elevations and positions are shown on landscape plan.	
16 x Integrated eco cavity bat box 16 integrated boxes are provided rather than 3 external boxes as the integrated boxes cannot be removed by new residents	built-in bat roost designed for cavity-dwelling bat species and intended for integration into external walls during construction. Suitable for use within brick walls, timber cladding, random stone façades or external insulation systems, the box is designed to replace approximately six standard UK bricks. Installed in locations shown on landscape plan. Positioned as high as possible (away from windows), clear of external light sources, with a clear flight path beneath.	
21 x Hedgehog highways	Hole cut into close board fencing to accommodate hedgehog passage through the site post-development. Plastic templates can be utilised, as per the image, or reinforcing strips can be added to strengthen cut boards. Gaps should be 13cm x 13cm size or slightly larger. Locations as shown on landscape plan.	

Provision	Description and Location to be Installed	Photograph
10 x invertebrate brick	Purpose-built invertebrate/'bee brick' units (e.g. Green&Blue Bee Brick, Nature's Building Blocks invertebrate brick, or similar), sized to match standard brick coursing, providing nesting holes for solitary bees and refuge for other invertebrates. Installed in pairs at a range of heights (approx. 1–2m) on a sheltered, sunny (south facing) elevation as per the landscape plan.	

Monitoring and Maintenance

Once installed, a suitably qualified ecologist will carry out an inspection of all ecological provisions to ensure that they are installed correctly. Evidence in the form of a report with photographs can be provided to the LPA.

The chosen boxes are of a design that requires no maintenance. The self-cleaning design of the Eco Bat Box allows droppings to fall naturally from the entrance slot. Swifts are clean and tidy nesters which will reuse the same nest year on year, and so the boxes do not require cleaning. Several species of solitary bee clean out old nesting holes to reuse the same sites.

Conclusions

The above ecological provisions are considered sufficient to provide meaningful enhancement measures at the site.

Yours sincerely,

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Figure 1 Landscape plan with ecological enhancement measures



Figure 2 Proposed elevations Block A with Ecological features



Figure 3 Proposed elevations Block B (Sheet 1) with ecological features



Figure 4 Proposed elevations Block B (Sheet 2) with ecological provisions



Figure 5 Proposed elevations Block C - with ecological provisions



Figure 6 Proposed elevations Block D (Sheet 1) with ecological provisions



Figure 7 Proposed elevations Block D (sheet 2), with ecological provisions

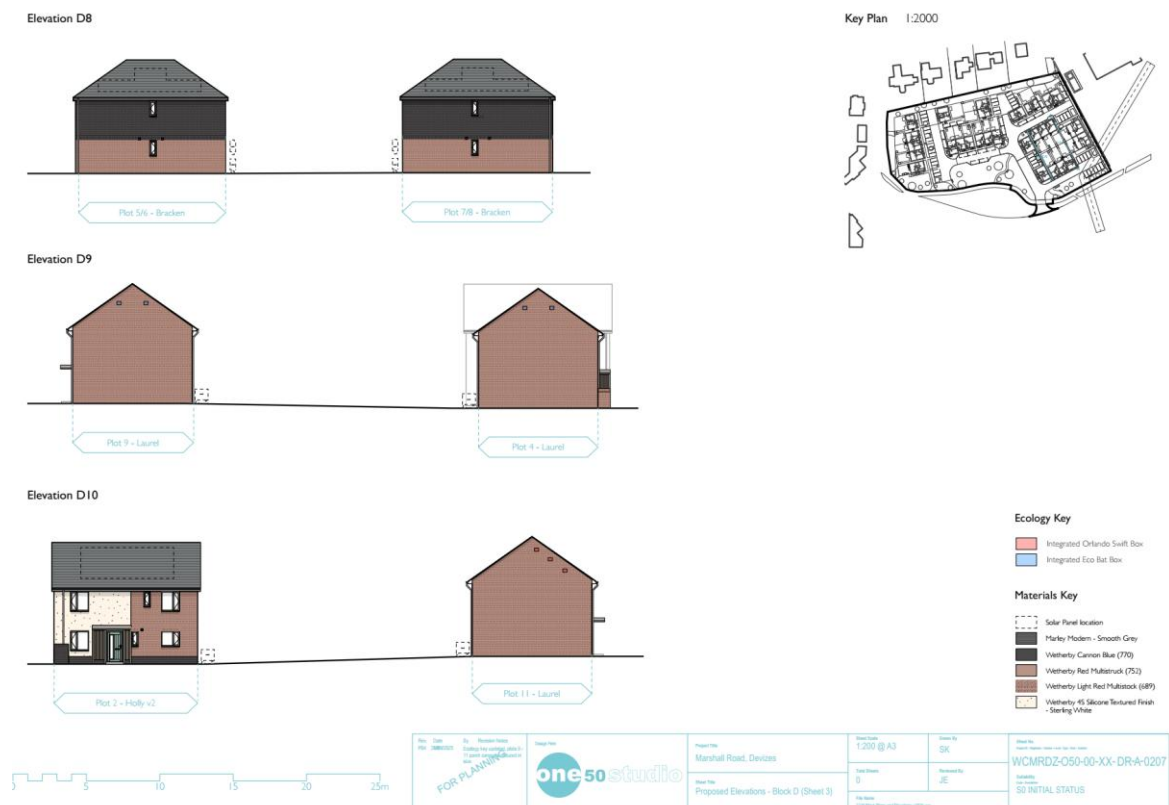


Figure 8 Proposed Elevations block D (sheet 3) with ecological provisions