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Dear Anne,

Application: Details reserved by condition 16 (Details of ecology scheme) of planning permission reference 24/01031/S73 granted 10.09.2024

Address: Land At Turnpike Lane And Adjacent To 4 Manor Close Turnpike Lane
Ickleford Hertfordshire

Application No: [24/02669/DOC](#)

ECOLOGICAL IMPLICATIONS

Thank you for consulting this office on the above application.

Overall Recommendation:

☒ Condition No 16 can be Discharged

Condition.16

Prior to the commencement of development the details of an ecology scheme are to be submitted to and approved in writing by the LPA and the agreed measures are to be implemented on site prior to the first occupation. The measure are to include:

- the provision of bird bricks / boxes;
- the provision of bat tubes / boxes;
- insect and bee bricks / habitats;
- the creation of a 'hedgehog highway' across the site;

- LED down lights not focused at any trees

Reason: To protect bio-diversity on the site in accordance with LP Policy NE4

Supporting documents:

I have made use of the following documents in providing this advice:

- Ecological Enhancement Scheme – ACD Environmental (29/10/2024)
- Draft Lighting Design (24-492-1A) – DW Windsor 13/12/2024
- Ligman Lightsoft 20 (LH-10823)

Comments:

The height, number, and placement of the lighting at the site has been adequately shown within the plans submitted. Such shows the lighting at the site to be positioned at low level in the form of bollards and shows illuminance levels on trees to not exceed what are considered to be existing levels. Overall, the formal lighting proposals show a scheme that conforms with the lighting descriptions in the PEA, and on this basis, it can be confirmed that the lighting is adequately designed, and sufficient to avoid generating negative impacts locally on bats and/or other nocturnal wildlife.

Consequently, I consider this information to be sufficient to advise that Condition 16 can be discharged.

I trust these comments are of assistance,

Regards,

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