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Date: **24/03/2025**

Dear Henry,

APPLICATION: 25/00199/DOC
PROPOSAL: Details reserved by Condition 7 (Landscape and Ecological Management Plan - LEMP) of planning permission 23/01885/FP granted on 13.12.2024.
ADDRESS: Land At Police Row Between The Grange And 1 The Grange, Police Row, Therfield, Hertfordshire,

ECOLOGICAL IMPLICATIONS

Overall Recommendation:

☒ Condition 7 can be discharged

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

- Guide to the Management of Landscape and Ecological Areas at Police Row, Therfield, Royston, Hertfordshire - REF JBA 23-231 (James Blake Associates, July 2024)
- Detailed Soft Landscape Proposal for Plots and POS, Drawing Nos. JBS 23-231-01 & 02 (JBA, July 2023)
- Updated Preliminary Ecological Appraisal and Protected Species Scoping Assessment of Land at Police Row, Therfield, Herfordshire, (Skilled Ecology, July 2023)
- Biodiversity Net Gain Calculation for Land West of Police Row, Therfield, Royston (JBA, January 2024)

Condition 7
A Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (LEMP) shall be submitted to, and be approved in writing by, the local planning authority prior to the commencement of the development, excluding any works required in association with ground investigation works. The content of the LEMP shall include the following:

a) Description and evaluation of features to be managed.
b) Ecological trends and constraints on site that might influence management.
c) Aims and objectives of management.
d) Appropriate management options for achieving aims and objectives.
e) Prescriptions for management actions.
f) Preparation of a work schedule (including an annual work plan capable of being rolled forward).
g) Details of the body or organization responsible for implementation of the plan.
h) Ongoing monitoring and remedial measures.

The LEMP shall also include details of the legal and funding mechanism(s) by which the long-term implementation of the plan will be secured by the developer with the management body(ies) responsible for its delivery. The plan shall also set out (where the results from monitoring show that conservation aims and objectives of the LEMP are not being met) how contingencies and/or remedial action will be identified, agreed and implemented so that the development still delivers the fully functioning biodiversity objectives of the originally approved scheme. The approved plan will be implemented in accordance with the approved details.

Reason: In the interests of ecology and biodiversity and in line with Policy NE4 of the Local Plan.

Comments:
A comprehensive Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (LEMP) has been submitted which addresses all the elements required by Condition 7, which can therefore be discharged

Thank you for consulting this office on the above application.

I trust these comments are of assistance,

Regards,

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Hertfordshire LEADS provides Landscape, Ecology, Archaeology, Design and Sustainability support to planning departments in Hertfordshire.