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Dear Tom,

Application: Details reserved by Condition 16 (CEMP) of planning application 22/02205/FP granted on

Address: Land Adjacent To Arnolds Farm Chambers Lane Ickleford Hertfordshire SG5 3YE

Application No: [25/00562/DOC](#)

ECOLOGICAL IMPLICATIONS

Thank you for consulting this office on the above application.

Overall Recommendation:

☒ Condition No 16 can be Discharged

Condition. 16

No development shall take place (including demolition, ground works, vegetation clearance) until a Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP: Biodiversity) has been submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. The CEMP (Biodiversity) shall be informed by an up to date ecological appraisal and include the following.

- a) Risk assessment of potentially damaging construction activities.
- b) Identification of “biodiversity protection zones”.
- c) Practical measures (both physical measures and sensitive working practices) to avoid or reduce impacts during construction (may be provided as a set of method statements).
- d) The location and timing of sensitive works to harm to biodiversity features.
- e) The times during construction when specialist ecologists need to be present on site to oversee works.
- f) Responsible persons and lines of communication.
- g) The role and responsibilities on site of an ecological clerk of works (ECoW) or similarly competent person.
- h) Use of protective fences, exclusion barriers and warning signs.

The approved CEMP shall be adhered to and implemented throughout the construction period strictly in accordance with the approved details, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the local planning authority

Reason: To safeguard local biodiversity and to comply with Policy NE4 of the Local Plan

Supporting documents:

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

- Construction Ecological Management Plan – MKA Ecology (February 2025)

Comments:

The CEMP produced sets out constraints and adequate corresponding actions to mitigate potentially adverse impacts on both species and habitats. The mitigation actions prescribed would enable the works for the residential development to be compliant and consistent with wildlife legislation and policy, and best practice. Overall, I find the plan to fulfil all of the sub-requirements of the Condition, and I consider the information submitted to be sufficient to advise that Condition 16 can be discharged.

I trust these comments are of assistance,

Regards,

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