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Dear Henry,

APPLICATION: [25/00198/DOC](#)

PROPOSAL: Details reserved by Condition 6 (Ecology and biodiversity) 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:

☒ In respect of ecology Condition 6 can be discharged

Supporting documents:

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

- Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) (Wheatley, updated March 2025)

Condition 6

No development shall take place (including ground works or vegetation clearance), excluding any works required in association with ground investigation works, until a Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) has been submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. The CEMP shall 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: in the interests of ecology and biodiversity and in line with Policy NE4 of the Local Plan.

Comments:

An updated Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) has been provided. The section on ecology has been substantially changed to address the ecological requirements specified in Condition 6. In particular the updated CEMP provides prescriptions for measures to avoid or minimise risks to wildlife including the role of a site ecologist / Ecological Clerk of Works.

The condition can therefore now 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.