

Ecology response for DC/22/93236 Land North West of Winchester Road, Boorley Green, Hampshire, SO32 2BX

Discharge of conditions application following reserved matters approval RM/19/86658 for conditions 2 (Biodiversity Mitigation and Enhancement Plan) and 3 (Bird Hazard Management Plan) for Boorley Gardens Phase 3 (complete phase).

Please can we have your observations on Condition 2 Biodiversity Mitigation and Enhancement Plan and Condition 3 Bird Hazard Management Plan. for application DC/22/93236

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25/5/23

Condition 2: I have reviewed the Biodiversity Mitigation Management and Enhancement Plan by Ecosupport (June 2022).

A dormouse hibernation nest was discovered during works associated with Phase 2 construction. All future works and mitigation for dormouse will be completed under a Natural England European Protected Species license.

If additional dormice are found during the works, Hampshire Biological Information Centre must also be informed so that dormouse records can be updated immediately.

Section 2.7.3 and Table 4 in section 5.0 must be amended to include maintenance checks for dormouse nest boxes and provisions for replacement and repair by a suitably qualified ecologist. Dormouse nest boxes can be easily damaged during routine site maintenance or by curious human and animal visitors, so site operatives need to be aware of their location and know who to notify if a box needs repair or replacement. Ongoing management of the scrub planting (figure 6) for dormice must also be specified in this plan.

Plan 1- Ecological Enhancements plan for third reserved matters (June 2022) must be amended to show the locations of the new dormouse nest boxes.

In addition to reptile monitoring funding and safeguarding (sections 2.2.8 and 2.2.9) dormouse monitoring mentioned in the plan, (2.7.6) funding and safeguarding must also be included. The EPS license method statement must be submitted to Eastleigh Borough Council. Monitoring results must be reported to the Council and to the Hampshire Biological Information Centre.

Condition 3: I have reviewed the Bird Hazard Management Plan by Ecosupport (June 2022) and am satisfied that condition 3 can now be discharged.

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Ecologist