

Additional Ecology response for DC/23/94478 Land North West of Winchester Road, Boorley Green, Hampshire, SO32 2BX,

Discharge of conditions application following outline permission O/15/75953 as amended by X/19/84943 for conditions 16 (Noise Assessment) & 22 (Ecological Protection & Mitigation Plan) for Boorley Gardens Phase 3.

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I have reviewed the amended Ecological Protection and Mitigation Plan by Ecosupport (September 2023).

The following amendments are required before condition 22 can be discharged:

The badger sett which previously appeared to be in use, was monitored with a trail camera in 2021 and found not to be in use at that time, must be monitored during the construction phase to ensure that it is still not being used. If signs of use are found, it must be checked by a suitably qualified ecologist, with suitable precautions taken against disturbance.

If badgers have occupied the sett, a more rigid type of reptile fencing may be needed.

Section 4.4 Log piles- change to native **hardwood rather than softwood** should be used **for both types of piles**. The section mentions six log piles but the second paragraph only specifies the type of pile for four (three horizontal and one vertical).

In Table 4 Maintenance overview

Existing trees: Ensure **bat, bird and dormouse** boxes are in place (replace if required). Dormouse nest box monitoring and maintenance is mentioned in Table 2 in section 3.0.

In addition to information about hedgehogs the homeowner information pack should include information about dormouse boxes, not to disturb them and who to notify if these are found open or out of place.

The list of hedgerow species recommended in the dormouse license must be added to the landscape specification if they are not already listed. Ongoing hedgerow maintenance must also be done with regard to the potential presence of dormice, and flailing of hedgerows must be avoided.

There are many places throughout the report where spaces have been omitted between words, this is likely to be a copy and pasting error. They don't need to be corrected before condition 22 can be discharged but more careful editing is encouraged before reports are published.

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