

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). Condition 2, revised plan (rec/d 14.11.23) and appendices (rec/d 4.12.23).

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Condition 2 Biodiversity Mitigation and Enhancement Plan

I have reviewed the revised Ecological Protection and Mitigation Plan (updated 4 October 2023, received 14/11/23) and appendices (received 4/12/23).

The report states that Dormouse EPS mitigation license has been granted with additional monitoring recommendations. The appendices are the Dormouse Mitigation Figure (plan 2) and the EPS License method statement (plan 3).

- *A total of 16 Dormouse nest boxes have been installed in the western section of the site (Plan 2). These fall within Phase 1 of the development.*
- *Dormouse boxes will be checked once per year between the years of 2023-2032 by a licenced ecologist (or accredited agent) working under mitigation licence 2022-62167-EPS-MIT. Monitoring should cover the suitable active period between May and October, inclusive.*
- *Any nests found in poor condition (dilapidated/rotting) will be removed during each monitoring check of the boxes. Any nest boxes that have become dilapidated or damaged will also be replaced.*

The homeowner leaflet will also include information about Dormice, Dormouse boxes, a request not to disturb them, and contact information of the developer named on the Dormouse mitigation licence (Bellway Homes) should any issues with the boxes be encountered (i.e. damage, interference, missing/open lids or missing boxes). This information will also include information on the compensatory planting and the hedgerow connecting structures in place to advise on their relevance and importance for Dormice, and to discourage interference.

I am satisfied that this information is now complete and Condition 2 can be discharged.

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