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Subject: RE: *EXTERNAL: FP/248/20/PL - Blake's Mead, Felpham

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Dear Michael,

Please see below our comments in relation to this application.

Bats

The lighting scheme for the site will need to take into consideration the presence of bats in the local area and the scheme should minimise potential impacts to any bats using the trees, hedgerows and buildings by avoiding unnecessary artificial light spill through the use of directional light sources and shielding.

Guidance outlined in the new Bats and Lighting Publication produced by the Institution of Lighting Professionals and the Bat Conservation Trust "Guidance Note 08/18 Bats and artificial lighting in the UK Bats and the Built Environment series publication should be adopted into the site plans (http://www.bats.org.uk/news.php/406/new_guidance_on_bats_and_lighting).

Trees and marginal vegetation

The trees, hedgerows, and marginal vegetation on site are used by bats for commuting and foraging and will need to be retained and enhanced for bats. This will include having a buffer strip around the hedgerows (5m) and during

construction fencing should be used to ensure this area is undisturbed. Any gaps should also be filled in using native hedge species to improve connectivity.

Reptiles and Great Crested Newts

A precautionary approach should be taken with regards to reptiles and great crested newts. This involves any removal of scrub, grassland or ruderal vegetation to be done sensitively and done with a two phased cut. All vegetation clearance being undertaken whilst supervised by a suitably licensed ecologist, and a fingertip search of all suitable vegetation being lost prior to the second cut. If Great Crested Newts are found during the process all works must stop and Natural England contacted.

Badgers and Small Mammals

During construction, any trenches deeper than 1.0m, or drainage pipework greater than 200mm diameter, shall be covered or capped overnight to prevent badgers or other mammals becoming trapped. Excavations should be checked each morning for the presence of any mammals or other species. Any hazardous chemicals need to be suitably stored away so animals cannot access them.

Nesting Birds

Any works to the trees or vegetation clearance on the site should only be undertaken outside of the bird breeding season which takes place between 1st March – 1st October. If works are required within this time an ecologist will need to check the site before any works take place (within 24 hours of any work).

Hedgehogs

Any brush, compost and/or debris piles on site could provide shelter areas and hibernation potential for hedgehogs. These piles must be removed outside of the hibernation period mid-October to mid-March inclusive. The piles must undergo soft demolition.

Enhancements

We require a number of enhancements are incorporated within the scheme and shown with the landscaping strategy. These include;

- Any trees removed should be replace at a ratio of 2:1
- Wildflower meadow planting used
- Filling any gaps in tree lines or hedgerows with native species
- Bat and bird boxes installed on the site
- Grassland areas managed to benefit reptiles.
- Log piles onsite
- Two hedgehog nesting boxes included on the site

Kind Regards



Jennifer Pollitt
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Importance: High

Dear Jen,

Please find attached a copy of the Site Inspection Report from the applicant's ecologist.

I look forward to receiving your consultation response by **Friday 25th February 2022**.

Kind regards,

Michael

From: West, David [REDACTED]
Sent: 11 February 2022 13:25
To: Michael Eastham <Michael.Eastham@arun.gov.uk>
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Dear Michael

Further to Rachel's email below, please find attached Site Inspection Report following an update site visit for the site.

In conclusion, although there has been a change in the habitat conditions on site (the grass sward is longer and dominated by ruderal species) there is not a significant increase in the suitability of the site for protected or notable fauna. No additional mitigation measures to those proposed within the approved Mitigation Strategy are required to maintain compliance with policy or legislation.

I hope that this is clear and helpful and please let me know if there are any queries.

Kind regards

David West CEnv
Associate Director
Pronouns: he/him/his

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Good morning David,

Please may you send the ecology note to Michael Eastham once finalised and copy me in. Thank you.

Kind regards,

Rachel Ballam MSc | Planning Coordinator | Barratt David Wilson Homes Southampton [a trading name of BDW Trading Ltd]

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Good morning Rachel,

Is there any update from your consultant regarding the submission of the Ecology Report?

Kind regards,

Michael

From: Ballam, Rachel [REDACTED]
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Good afternoon Michael,

I am delighted to inform you the S106 Deed of Variation has now been concluded. Signed agreement attached for your records. Regarding the Ecology Report I have passed along your deadline of 31st January to our consultant, though I suspect we may require an additional week. I'll forward the report as soon as received.

Kind regards,

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From: Michael Eastham <Michael.Eastham@arun.gov.uk>
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Hi Rachel,

Will you be able to submit the **Ecological Report** by **5.00pm on Monday 31st January 2022?**

Has your solicitor agreed to the wording in the draft Deed of Variation?

Have Arun District Council's legal fees been paid?

Are we all set to sign the Deed of Variation?

I look forward to receiving your reply.

Kind regards,

Michael

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