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Glossop
Derbyshire
SK13 8AF

For the attention of Faye Plant

Your ref: DOC/2022/0047

Our ref: DWTHPK678

16th December 2022

Dear Faye

Proposal: Application for approval of conditions reserved by condition in relation to HPK/2021/0019 Conditions 3, 5, 10, 11, 13, 14, and 16 with regard to construction samples left at the town hall.

Location: 1A, Turnlee Road, Simmondley, Glossop, Derbyshire, SK13 6JS

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With reference to the above application, I am responding as the Biodiversity Planning Officer responsible for work relating to the Service Level Agreement, which the High Peak Borough Council and the Trust have signed. The following comments are aimed at providing accurate and up to date information on the nature conservation issues associated with the proposed development.



Response

Condition 11. Landscaping

Drawing S/01 Access and Paving / Layout indicates that proposed landscaping is limited to lawned areas and hardstanding. We typically encourage native and wildlife-attracting shrubs, trees and perennials to be provided within a landscaping scheme, however if landscaping opportunities are limited on site, a flowering lawn mix could be considered to enhance the biodiversity value of the lawn, rather than turf.

Condition 13. Tree Protection

We anticipate that tree protection comments will be provided by the LPA Tree Officer but we would encourage protection fencing to be installed along the watercourse during construction, to prevent direct disturbance to the habitats present and wildlife.

Condition 14. Biodiversity Enhancement Measures

We have reviewed Drawing S/01 Access and Paving / Layout. Whilst this specifies that bat boxes, bird boxes and hedgehog gaps will be incorporated, there are no location, numbers or specifications provided. Furthermore, it states that a bat-friendly lighting scheme will be implemented but there are no details to evidence this. Types of light fixtures and their locations should be provided, along with features such as PIR sensors, to demonstrate that lightspill to the adjacent tree-lined watercourse will be minimised. Further information is required to discharge this condition.

It is hoped that the information provided is helpful to the Council. If you require any further information or wish to discuss any of the comments made, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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Biodiversity Planning Officer

Endnote:

Please see our planning pages <https://www.derbyshirewildlifetrust.org.uk/planning> for ecological advice on submitting a planning application, finding an ecological consultant and information on mitigation and enhancement.