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For the attention of Jane Colley

Your ref: DOC/2022/0060

Our ref: DWTHPK503-1

27th February 2023

Dear Jane

Proposal: Discharge of conditions 3, 4, 5, 8, 14, 15, 17-19, 22, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 32, 34 relating to HPK/2019/0028

Location: Land Off Hallsteads Close, Hallsteads Close, Dove Holes, Derbyshire

Application Ref No: DOC/2022/0060

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 22. Ecological Enhancement Plan

Information to discharge this condition has been included in the LEMP (Biora, December 2022). The quantity of bat and bird boxes needs amending in the legend of the Biodiversity Enhancements Plan at the end of the LEMP to match the number indicated on the Plan. We also advise that sparrow terraces are swapped for universal nest brick (2x per terrace) as these have been shown to have a higher rate of uptake by a range of species than terraces in recent research. These should be grouped in nearby dwellings given the colonial nesting behaviour of house sparrows and swifts. It would also be worth adding the hedgehog gaps to the Boundary Treatment plan to ensure implementation.

Condition 28. LEMP

We have reviewed the LEMP (Biora, December 2022). Sufficient information has been provided to discharge the condition, however the amendments recommended above should be incorporated.

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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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.