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For the attention of Rosie Dinnen

Your Ref: DOC/2024/0101 & DOC/2024/0102

Our ref: DWTHPK211-13a

19th December 2024

Dear Rosie,

Proposal:

- Discharge of conditions 22,23,26,29 and 38 relating to HPK/2017/0325
- Discharge of conditions 22,23,26,29 and 38 relating to HPK/2016/0648

Location: Land Off Dinting Road Glossop

Application Ref No: DOC/2024/0101 & DOC/2024/0102

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

Further to our response dated 23rd October 2024 (Ref.: DWTHPK211-13), we have been asked to review whether our comments have been addressed:

Condition 22. Amphibian Monitoring Strategy

We previously advised that the Method Statement in Appendix 4 of the EcIA should be updated. However, the information provided in the most recent LEMP Rev. 7b is considered sufficient to address our concerns. Furthermore, wildlife kerbs have been added to the Highways Specification drawings, so this comment has been addressed. This condition can be discharged.

Condition 23. Submission of methods to protect badgers

We previously advised that the Method Statement in Appendix 4 of the EcIA should be updated to ensure it provides a commitment to implementing safeguarding measures, not just recommendations. The Statement contains suitable measures but frequently uses 'should' rather than 'shall' throughout. To our knowledge, this Method Statement has not been amended. To avoid further delay, we advise that the condition can be discharged but that the Statement should be updated as a matter of best practice.

Condition 26. Bird Boxes

The LEMP Rev 7b (November 2024) has significantly increased the number of integrated swift boxes from 5No. to 45No (15No. dwellings each with 3No. bricks). The final enhancement plan (Ref.: 13503/P22b) is likely to provide a meaningful number of nesting and roosting opportunities, alongside hibernacula for amphibians and hedgehog gaps. It should be implemented in full on site. This condition can be discharged.

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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