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Wildlife Trust**

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For the attention of James Stannard

Your Ref: DOC/2025/0086

Our ref: DWTHPK772-1

10/02/2026

Dear James,

**Proposal: Discharge of condition 3, 7, 11, 12, and 13 in relation to
HPK/2024/0507**

**Location: Brentwood Farm Nursery, Glossop Road, Charlesworth,
Derbyshire, SK13 5HB**

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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 nature conservation issues associated with the proposed development.

Response

Condition 11: Invasive Species Protocol (Himalayan balsam)

We have reviewed the document submitted which sets out details of the procedures aimed at preventing the spread of invasive Himalayan balsam during site works.

The proposed working methods are acceptable. We would however recommend an addition to the document and subsequent working methods which includes reference to soil contaminated with seeds which should also be treated as

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controlled waster. This relates to soils within 7m of each stand of Himalayan balsam on site including along boundaries. Once this is added the condition can be discharged providing it is followed in full.

Condition 12: Species Enhancement

We have reviewed the plan provided and the positioning of insect bricks and hedgehog holes are acceptable. However, we would request that the locations of bird boxes and bat boxes are swapped around as it is preferable to locate bats boxes on a south/southeast elevation and bird features should be located avoiding southern elevations to prevent overheating of chicks.

Also, on built structures we would recommend an integrated universal bird brick instead of the Schwegler 1b bird boxes as these are designed for hanging on trees. An integrated bird brick would also be more in keeping with the aesthetic of the building so we recommend that this should be reviewed.

Once these changes have been applied, we would be happy for the condition to be discharged with photographs of the features provided once in situ.

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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