

Welwyn & Hatfield Borough Council
The Campus,
Welwyn Garden City,
Hertfordshire,
AL8 6AE

18th May 2023

Your ref: **6/2021/2125/MAJ**

Our ref: **7645 / SC / TM**

Dear Mr. N. Kasmani,

Re: Hertfordshire Constabulary Headquarters Redevelopment , Application for the Approval of Detail Reserved by Condition – Condition 11

Following on from the refusal notice for Condition application 6/2022/2422/COND we are pleased to submit a revised LEMP which directly answers the comments raised by the County Ecologist and WHBC Landscape and Ecology Manager. The AECOM Landscape and Ecology Management Plan specifically addresses the consultee comments.

The Condition wording states:

Prior to demolition of the buildings detailed in the Preliminary Ecological Appraisal, a Landscape Ecological Management Plan (including but not limited to the recommendations for ecological enhancements (for bat and bird boxes, native planting, species of benefit for biodiversity, rain garden, green walls/fences) should be brought together in a LEMP to demonstrate net gain can be achieved from the development.

This report shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Thereafter the construction of the development shall only be carried out in accordance with the approved survey.

It is the project teams view that the Alban building (a single storey pre-fab building) is considered outside the wording of the condition due to it having no ecological value. The current programme intends to demolish this 106 sq.m. building at the end of June 2023.

The demolition and clearance of the site which will facilitate the Construction of the new Headquarters is programmed to start in September 2023. We believe there is sufficient time for the information in this application to be reviewed and discharged prior to the commencement of the demolition work.

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We trust that the information now provided is satisfactory to all parties and Condition 11 can be discharged as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,



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