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Dear Clare,

Application Reference: 6/2019/0786/COND

Proposed development at: Street Record Chequers Field, Welwyn Garden City AL7 4SX

Proposal: Submission of details pursuant to condition **5 (Landscaping and Mitigation)**, 6 (Layout) for on planning permission 6/2018/1519/MAJ

Thank you for consulting Hertfordshire Ecology on the above. I have the following comments to make on Condition 5 ((Landscaping and Mitigation), which states:

Prior to any development above ground level a landscaping and mitigation plan that adopts the measures described in Sections 6.5, 6.7, 6.8, 6.9, 6.11 and 6.12 of the Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (ACD Environmental, May 2018) has been submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. This shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, the:

- a) Purpose and biodiversity objectives for the proposed works;*
- b) Detailed design(s) and/or working methods necessary to achieve these objectives (including, the provenance of native trees etc);*
- c) Extent and location of proposed works shown on appropriate scale plans;*
- d) Timetable for implementation;*
- e) Persons responsible for implementing the works;*
- f) Details of initial aftercare and long-term maintenance;*

A Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (PEA) from 2018 suggests that the development site supports no notable ecological interest. However, the appraisal identified the presence or of a range of more widespread species/features some of which are protected in policy and law and opportunities for biodiversity enhancement. These are dependent on the implementation of a range of mitigation and enhancement measures.

I am pleased to see a *Landscape and Mitigation Plan (ACD, Environmental, March 2019)* has been submitted in support of this discharge application. Sensible and appropriate landscape, habitat and species mitigation measures are proposed to meet the expectations of the NPPF to secure biodiversity gain.

I consider the information provided in the report satisfies Condition 5 and am happy to advise it can be discharged.

I have no comments to make on Condition 6 (Layout).

Yours sincerely,

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