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Your Ref: 6/2022/0374/COND  
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Date: 12/04/2022

Dear Raymond

**Application:** Submission of details pursuant to condition 1 (Construction Traffic Management Plan), 2 (full site survey), 3 (detailed surface water drainage scheme), 4 (landscape and biodiversity plan), 5 (arboricultural method statement), 6 (updated remediation scheme), 7 (noisy works and ancillary operations) on planning application 6/2021/2207/MAJ

**Address:** Campus West The Campus Welwyn Garden City Hertfordshire AL8 6BX

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Thank you for consulting Hertfordshire Ecology on the above application. I apologise for the delay in responding, but I would like to make the following comments:

1. The site is largely already developed with limited greenspace. However, the proposals included within the Ecological Enhancement Strategy seek to improve the local ecology by providing the following:

- a range of four bat, six bird and six invertebrate boxes;
- ensuring the site is subject to sensitive lighting;
- wildlife friendly landscaping planting.

2. Some areas will be planted with more ornamental but pollinator friendly species, whilst the northern wooded strip will be of a more natural character, with native shrubs and wild daffodil and bluebell within the ground layer. Most of the external trees will be retained. Lengths of proposed native hedgerow are appropriate, both mixed and of hornbeam. The proposed species for this are suitable.

3. On the basis of the above, I can confirm the proposals are acceptable and can advise that condition 4 can be discharged accordingly.

I trust these comments are of assistance,

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Hicks', written in a cursive style.

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