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Dear Ashley

Reference: 6/2023/0241/COND
Address: Land to the north east of King George V Playing Fields
Northaw Road East Cuffley EN6 4RD
Application: Submission of details pursuant to condition number 4
(Construction Environment Management Plan (CEMP)), on
planning permission S6/2015/1342/PP

Thank you for consulting Hertfordshire Ecology on the application to discharge
Condition for which I have the following comments:

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4. Prior to the commencement of the development, a Construction Environment Management Plan (CEMP) shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority in consultation with the Highway Authority. Thereafter the construction of the development shall only be carried out in accordance with the approved Plan. The CEMP must set out: a) the phasing of construction and proposed construction programme; b) the methods for accessing the site, including wider construction vehicle routing; c) the numbers of daily construction vehicles including details of their sizes, at each phase of the development; d) the hours of operation and construction vehicle movements; e) details of any highway works necessary to enable construction to take place; f) details of construction vehicle parking, turning and loading/unloading arrangements clear of the public highway; g) provision of hoardings around the site; h) details of how the safety of existing public highway users and existing public right of way users will be maintained; i) management of traffic to reduce congestion; j) control of dirt on the public highway, including details of the location and methods to wash construction vehicle wheels; k) the provision for addressing any abnormal wear and tear to the highway; l) the details of consultation with local businesses or neighbours; m) the details of any other Construction Sites in the local area; n) waste management proposals; o) control measures to minimise noise and vibration; and p) control measures to minimise dust.

The construction of the development shall not be carried out otherwise than in

accordance with the approved CEMP.

REASON: To protect highway safety and the amenity of other users of the public highway and rights of way; to protect the living conditions of neighbouring properties; and to protect the amenity of the neighbouring school, in accordance with Policy R19 of the Welwyn Hatfield District Plan 2005; Policy SADM18 of the draft Local Plan Proposed Submission August 2016, and the National Planning Policy Framework.

Supporting documents:

The application is supported by the following report:

- Landscape and Ecological Management Plan

Comments:

Although not specifically mentioned in the Condition wording the Construction Environmental Management Plan includes a section on Ecology. This includes the requirement to engage the services of a qualified Project Ecologist to ensure that the necessary mitigation measures are in place. It lists standard precautions and mitigations to safeguard protected species and to ensure the proposed Reptile Receptor Areas is protected during the construction process. A suitable script for inductions and toolbox talks on reptiles is also provided. Consequently, in reference to the suitability of this section **I advise the condition can be discharged.**

Yours sincerely

Simon Richards
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