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Dear Ashley

Approval of reserved matters (appearance, landscaping, layout, and scale) following outline planning permission S6/2015/1342/PP as varied by 6/2023/1352/VAR for residential development of 10 dwellings and associated infrastructure1.

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Land to the north east of King George V Playing Fields Northaw Road East Cuffley EN6 4RD3

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Overall Recommendation:

Further information and/or amendments required before application can be determined..

Supporting documents:

I have made use of the following documents in providing this advice:

- Landscape and Ecological Management Plan
- Landscaping Plan

ECOLOGICAL IMPLICATIONS

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

We previously commented on the Landscape and Ecological Management Plan required to discharge Condition 16 of Application. In that response we requested an appendix showing the location of the bat and bird boxes listed in the Landscape and Ecological Management Plan see below:

- Six Schwegler 1B Hole-type Nest Boxes Northaw Road Eco/LEMP Rev A/2080.8/MP/CB/January 2023 21 o Six Schwegler 2H Robin Boxes o Twelve Schwegler 1SP Sparrow Terraces
- Six Schwegler 1FF boxes (or similar) mounted on south to west facing locations on suitable mature trees and new buildings, Six Schwegler 2F boxes (or similar) mounted on south to west facing locations on suitable mature trees and buildings Twelve Schwegler 1FR bat tubes (or similar in terms of capacity as approved by LPA ecological advisors) incorporated into south to west-facing walls of new residential buildings.

The submitted Landscaping plans show the location of an appropriate number of boxes but gives only an indicative position. The Landscape and Ecological Management Plan sets out requirements in relation to Aspect for the bat boxes, a number of the indicative locations are contrary to this. The Landscape and Ecological Management Plan does not provide guidance on other aspects of installation such as their height above the ground and this should be guided by either professional ecological advice and or the recommendations laid down by the Bat Conservation Society. Since matters relating to location are important in maximising the likely hood of successful use of these features and because their exact location will be needed to inform any lighting plans. I advise that the actual locations are marked on a suitable map and the location of each box type shown on elevation drawings.

I trust these comments are of assistance,

Regards

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Hertfordshire LEADS provides Landscape, Ecology, Archaeology, Design and Sustainability support to planning departments in Hertfordshire.