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**DM/25/0396 – Response to Place Services at Essex County Council
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Dear Katherine,

Thank you for providing the comments received from the Essex County Council Ecology Team on 27th March 2025.

The comments have been reviewed by our Ecology consultants and are generally acceptable to our client. However, it is requested that Condition 1 in the list of recommended conditions - *Action required in accordance with ecological appraisal recommendations* - be removed.

The Preliminary Ecological Appraisal Report (PEAR) included both required mitigation and potential opportunities for enhancement within the site. It is requested that the required mitigation measures summarised in Table 6.1 of the PEAR are captured within the Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) and the conditions are revised to reflect this, enabling the deletion of Condition 1 above. Additionally, the following enhancement measures will be detailed within the CEMP to implement/install during construction.

- Bird Boxes
- Bat Boxes
- Insect Hotel or 'natural features' for invertebrates.
- Ecological considerations for the landscaping

A biodiverse green roof was suggested within the PEAR as a potential enhancement measure, this is not being included as part of the design and therefore will not be captured within the enhancement measures. The biodiverse green roof was not incorporated into the design for several reasons including weight, maintenance from a safety perspective and the inclusion of solar panels.

I would be grateful if you could please reconsult the Ecology officer on the proposed rewording of the planning condition.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely,

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