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To: "Anna Tidey" <Anna.Tidey@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Ecologist Response To Application Number DM/26/0663 at 1A Lodgelands Ardingly Haywards Heath West Sussex

Hi Anna,

Thank you for letting me know that additional information has been supplied for the above application, I will look out for the re-consultation request.

I note that you have also requested that we specify the number of bird and/or bat boxes in our responses. Whilst we can list the types of the enhancements which may be acceptable in condition wording or reference that the recommendations within an ecology report should be followed, we are careful not to specify the number of bespoke enhancements required if this is not backed up local planning policy or a supporting Biodiversity Supplementary Planning Document. This is because our advice could be challenged where there is no policy justification for specifying the number of bird and/or bat boxes per dwelling.

Happy to discuss further if you have any further queries.

Kind regards,

Hamish

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Dear Hamish

Please see the attached (edited) response from the applicant's agent, Graham Middle, to the outstanding condition discharge (Conditions 16 & 17 of DM/24/2999), and the email chain predating this. The full email will be saved onto the planning file.

I hope that Graham's comments address the outstanding issues, and that agreement can be made to the Discharge of Conditions 16 & 17 of DM/24/2999?
For clarity, please can you specify the number of bird and/or bat boxes that are required on each of the new dwellings?

I have just consulted you again via Uniform, so I can keep a track of progress on this. The target date for your further comments is 22.05.2026.

Thank you.

Regards

Anna

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From: Graham Middle <graham.middle@lm-associates.co.uk>

Sent: 30 April 2026 17:27

To: Anna Tidey <Anna.Tidey@midsussex.gov.uk>

Cc: RJFielden1@btinternet.com

Subject: RE: Ecologist Response To Application Number DM/26/0663 at 1A Lodgelands Ardingly Haywards Heath West Sussex

Good afternoon Anna

The content of your e-mail is noted and upon which I offer the following:

Condition 16 - From my understanding the Ecologist's request for additional information is to confirm that the development will include the provision of integrated bird and/or bat boxes (which should be located on the northern elevations of the two houses).

Please can you confirm if these can be included into the development and their installation on the two houses, once the development is completed?

The consultees requirement is noted, however the number of boxes required is not stated.

Condition 17 – Please provide the product details / technical details of the lighting to ensure that the proposed lighting matches the plan description, ie as set out within the Proposed Ground Floor Lighting Layout (LMA, March 2026).

I note for the second time the Essex County Council consultee refers to our submitted discharge of condition drawing 0724.PC04 as follows:

Condition 17:

We note that Proposed Ground Floor Lighting Layout (LMA, March 2026) relates to internal lighting proposals. As a result, we recommend that external lighting locations and technical specifications should be supplied to meet the requirements of Condition 17. Alternatively, further clarification should be supplied that no external lighting is proposed as part of the new development.

It would appear the consultee cannot read/understand a drawing, as the submitted drawing clearly shows external light locations and is annotated with the type of fitting provided in each location,

While responding I attach a copy of the lighting brochure.

Regards

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From: Anna Tidey [<mailto:Anna.Tidey@midsussex.gov.uk>]
Sent: 29 April 2026 14:10
To: Graham Middle
Cc: rjfielden1@btinternet.com
Subject: FW: Ecologist Response To Application Number DM/26/0663 at 1A Lodgelands Ardingly Haywards Heath West Sussex

Dear Graham

I have been reviewing this Discharge of conditions application, following a call for an update from Robert Fielden on Monday this week.

Condition 4 - I received the latest response from the Flood Risk & Drainage Team yesterday, requesting further information to support this application, together with accompanying Southern Water confirmation. Please see the full details of the requested information in their attached email dated 28.04.2026.

Conditions 5 and 10 - Please note my email to Jodie Wilkes at WSCC Highways, which I copied you into, sent today.

Condition 6 – Details have been agreed by the Tree Officer. Formal discharge will follow once other conditions are addressed.

I note that I received the attached responses from the Ecologist on 07.04.2026 and 08.04.2026, following your email of the same date, please see attached email and the email chain below.

Condition 16 - From my understanding the Ecologist's request for additional information is to confirm that the development will include the provision of integrated bird and/or bat boxes (which should be located on the northern elevations of the two houses).

Please can you confirm if these can be included into the development and their installation on the two houses, once the development is completed?

Condition 17 – Please provide the product details / technical details of the lighting to ensure that the proposed lighting matches the plan description, ie as set out within the Proposed Ground Floor Lighting Layout (LMA, March 2026).

I am unable to progress a positive decision at this stage. I await further information from you/your comments.

Regards

Anna

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From: Hamish Jackson - Senior Ecological Consultant <Hamish.Jackson@essex.gov.uk>

Sent: 08 April 2026 14:15

To: Anna Tidey <Anna.Tidey@midsussex.gov.uk>

Subject: RE: Ecologist Response To Application Number DM/26/0663 at 1A Lodgelands Ardingly Haywards Heath West Sussex

Hi Anna,

Please see my below comments on Condition 16 and 17 for the above application:

Condition 16 - Biodiversity Enhancement Strategy:

This condition does not relate to mandatory biodiversity net gains and instead requires bespoke enhancement measures to be secured as part of the development. It has been recommended that this includes the provision of bird or bat boxes as part of the development.

As a result, a Biodiversity Gain Condition must be secured via a separate pre-commencement condition of any consent, which secures a 'Biodiversity Gain Plan'. It is indicated that [Paragraph 14\(2\) of Schedule 7A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 \(as amended\)](#) and [Articles 37C\(2\) and 37C\(4\) of The Town and Country Planning \(Development Management Procedure\) \(England\) Order 2015](#) sets out the requirements of the 'Biodiversity Gain Plan'.

Therefore, in summary, the submission of a Biodiversity Gain Plan will consist of the following information for non-phased developments:

- a. Biodiversity Gain Plan form (Ideally using the Government's template: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/biodiversity-gain-plan>)
- b. The completed metric calculation tool showing the calculations of the pre-development and post-intervention biodiversity values.
- c. Completed pre-development and post-development habitat maps
- d. Information regarding [Habitat degradation](#) (where required).
- e. Information regarding [Irreplaceable habitat](#) (where required).

In addition, the following information may also be required depending on whether the development contains significant on-site enhancements or whether off-site options are required:

- a. A [Habitat Management and Monitoring Plan](#) (HMMP) for significant on-site enhancements or offsite measures in blue line boundary land.
- b. Legal agreement for monitoring and management of significant on-site enhancements or off-site measures in land owned by the applicant.
- c. Evidence of off-site units being allocated to a habitat bank on the [biodiversity gain site register](#).
- d. Evidence of proof of purchase of Statutory Biodiversity Credits

It is highlighted that we are expecting that no significant on-site enhancements are expected for this development.

Condition 17 – lighting:

It does appear that I have missed the external lighting for this application set out within the Proposed Ground Floor Lighting Layout (LMA, March 2026). However, I would ideally expect that the product details / technical details of the lighting are provided, to ensure that the proposed lighting matches the plan description.

Nevertheless, I do agree that impacts upon foraging and commuting bats will be avoided based on the description of the lighting within the Proposed Ground Floor Lighting Layout (LMA, March 2026).

Hope that helps and please formally re-consult me on any further information.

Kind regards,

Hamish

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Subject: FW: Ecologist Response To Application Number DM/26/0663 at 1A Lodgelands Ardingly Haywards Heath West Sussex

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Dear Hamish

I have received the attached comments from the Applicant's Agent regarding your comments, which I received yesterday, for this Discharge of conditions application. Please can you review these and comment again?

Thank you.

Regards

Anna

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From: Graham Middle <graham.middle@lm-associates.co.uk>

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Subject: RE: Ecologist Response To Application Number DM/26/0663 at 1A Lodgelands Ardingly Haywards Heath West Sussex

Good morning Anna

Thank you for your e-mail request which appears to have been generated by an external consultant@ Essex County Council in respect of which I offer the following:

Condition 16, Bio-Diversity

I am not aware of what ecology information was supplied to Hamish Jackson for consideration. However we have provided the Council with the following documents which should have fully addressed his advice;

Net Gain Assessment

Habitat Assessment

Habitat Plan

Post Intervention Habitat Plan

Biodiversity Metric Condition Assessment

Biodiversity Metric Calculation

Please advise what documents were issued to Hamish Jackson?

Condition 17, External Lighting

Hamish Jackson has stated:

We note that Proposed Ground Floor Lighting Layout (LMA, March 2026) relates to internal lighting proposals. As a result, we recommend that external lighting locations and technical specifications should be supplied to meet the requirements of Condition 17. Alternatively, 3.

further clarification should be supplied that no external lighting is proposed as part of the new development.

It is clear from the advice provided by Hamish Jackson that he has either not read or understood our submitted lighting drawing PC04 which clearly shows the location of external lighting points and is annotated with the fitting type –

External low energy wall light with daylight sensor and manual override
&

External low energy down light with dusk till dawn daylight sensor or PIR motion sensor

I would advise that whilst it has no bearing on this application Wealden District Council have recently discharged an external lighting condition with the same external lighting information..

Regards

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Subject: Ecologist Response To Application Number DM/26/0663 at 1A Lodgelands Ardingly Haywards Heath West Sussex

Dear Graham

Please see the attached comments received yesterday from the Ecological adviser, Hamish Jackson. He has requested further information for the discharge of conditions 16 and 17 of DM/24/2999.

Please follow his advice and resubmit the requested information for these conditions.

Thank you.

Regards

Anna

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