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Thank you for requesting advice on this discharge of condition from Place Services' ecological advice service. This service provides advice to planning officers to inform Mid Sussex District Council planning decisions with regard to potential ecological impacts from development.

Application:	DM/26/2125
Location:	Hurstpierpoint College College Lane Hurstpierpoint Hassocks
Proposal:	Discharge of conditions 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8 relating to planning application DM/25/3199

Thank you for consulting Place Services on the above discharge of condition application. We can only comment on conditions related to ecology.

Conditions

Condition 6: Further information required

"Prior to any works above slab level, a Biodiversity Enhancement Strategy for protected, Priority and threatened species, prepared by a suitably qualified ecologist, shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority.

The content of the Biodiversity Enhancement Strategy shall include the following:

- a) Purpose and conservation objectives for the proposed enhancement measures;*
- b) detailed designs or product descriptions to achieve stated objectives;*

- c) *locations of proposed enhancement measures by appropriate maps and plans (where relevant);*
- d) *persons responsible for implementing the enhancement measures; and*
- e) *details of initial aftercare and long-term maintenance (where relevant).*

The works shall be implemented in accordance with the approved details shall be retained in that manner thereafter."

Reason: To enhance protected, Priority and threatened species and allow the LPA to discharge its duties under paragraph 187d of NPPF 2024 and s40 of the NERC Act 2006 (as amended).

Condition 8: Further information required

"Prior to occupation, a "lighting design strategy for biodiversity" in accordance with Guidance Note 08/23 (Institute of Lighting Professionals) shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. The strategy shall:

- a) *identify those areas/features on site that are particularly sensitive for bats and that are likely to cause disturbance in or around their breeding sites and resting places or along important routes used to access key areas of their territory, for example, for foraging; and*
- b) *show how and where external lighting will be installed (through provision of appropriate technical specifications) so that it can be clearly demonstrated that areas to be lit will not disturb or prevent the above species using their territory or having access to their breeding sites and resting places.*

All external lighting shall be installed in accordance with the specifications and locations set out in the scheme and maintained thereafter in accordance with the scheme. Under no circumstances should any other external lighting be installed without prior consent from the Local Planning Authority."

Reason: To allow the LPA to discharge its duties under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended), the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) and s40 of the NERC Act 2006 (as amended).

Comments

Condition 7

We have reviewed the External Biopanel Living Walls (Biotope, submitted August 2026), Green Wall (HOP Engineers, June 2026) and Green Wall Scheme Sketch Plan (HOP Engineers, June 2026) which have been submitted in order to discharge Condition 6.

We welcome the inclusion of a green wall in the design of this development. However, there are no details on planting or how this will be maintained and a Biodiversity Enhancement Strategy prepared by a suitably qualified ecologist does not appear to have been submitted.

Therefore, we are not satisfied that the submitted information includes the detail required by this condition.

Condition 8

We have reviewed the Cover Letter (Building Solutions Consultants Ltd., submitted August 2026), which has been submitted in order to discharge Condition 8.

Unfortunately, NSE drawings E201, E202 and E203 mentioned in the Cover Letter (Building Solutions Consultants Ltd., submitted August 2026) do not appear to have been submitted.

Therefore, we are not satisfied that the submitted information includes the detail required by this condition.

Recommendation

We are unable to recommend the discharge of conditions 7 or 8 until the additional information outlined above has been provided.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries in relation to this advice.

Yours sincerely,

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