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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. Any additional information, queries or comments on this advice that the applicant or other interested parties may have, must be directed to the Planning Officer who will seek further advice from us where appropriate and necessary.

Application: DM/25/0440
Location: Gatehouse Farm 1 Birdcage Lane Goddards Green Hassocks
Proposal: Discharge of Condition 16 (Secure Cycle Stores), Condition 17 (LEMP) and Condition 18 (External Lighting Plan) relating to planning reference DM/23/2794. REVISED INFORMATION for conditions 16 and 18 received 3rd June.

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

Conditions

Condition 18: Recommend discharge

Prior to occupation of any dwelling a lighting design scheme for biodiversity based on GN: 08/23 shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. The scheme shall identify those features on site that are particularly sensitive for bats and that are likely to cause disturbance along important routes used for foraging; and show how and where external lighting will be installed (through the provision of appropriate lighting contour plans and technical specifications) so that it can be clearly demonstrated that areas to be lit will not disturb or prevent bats using their territory.

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 (Priority habitats & species).

Comments

We have reviewed the Vandal Proof LED Solar Bollard (INVOLighting) (submitted June 2025) and Landscaping Plan Drawing Number Prelim 0126_110 (DH May 2024) (submitted June 2025) which have been submitted in order to discharge Condition 18.

We are now satisfied that the submitted information includes the detail required for this condition.

Recommendation

Subject to implementation in full of the submitted details, we recommend discharge of Condition 18.

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

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