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By email only: Planning Department, planninginfo@midsussex.gov.uk

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/26/0332
Location: Brook Farm Brook Street Cuckfield Haywards Heath
Proposal: Discharge of planning condition number 12 relating to planning application DM/22/2141

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

Conditions

Condition 12: Recommend discharge

Prior to the commencement of any works which will impact the breeding / resting place of bats, shall not in in any circumstances commence unless the local planning authority has been provided with either:

- a) a licence issued by Natural England pursuant to Regulation 55 of The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended) authorizing the specified activity/development to go ahead; or
- b) a method statement relating to a registered site supplied by an individual registered to use a Bat Mitigation Class Licence; or
- c) a statement in writing from the Natural England to the effect that it does not
- d) consider that the specified activity/development will require a licence.

Reason: To conserve protected species and 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 s17 Crime & Disorder Act 1998.

Comments

We have reviewed the Class Licence: WML-CL47 Bat Earned Recognition Class Licence (Natural England), which has been submitted in order to discharge Condition 12.

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

Recommendation

Subject to implementation in full of the submitted details, we recommend discharge of Condition 12.

Please contact us if you have any queries in relation to this advice.

Hamish Jackson ACIEEM BSc (Hons)
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Please note:

This letter is advisory and should only be considered as the opinion formed by specialist staff in relation to this particular matter.

We are unable to respond directly to applicants/agents or other interested parties. Any additional information, queries or comments on this advice that the applicant/agent or other interested parties may have, must be directed to the Planning Officer at the relevant LPA, who will seek further advice from us where appropriate.