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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/26/1224
Location: Gilridge Brighton Road Handcross Haywards Heath West Sussex RH17 6BZ
Proposal: Discharge of planning conditions nos 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11 and 16 relating to planning application DM/25/0193

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

Conditions

Condition 4: Recommend discharge

"Prior to the commencement of development a lighting design scheme for biodiversity 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, 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, s40 of the NERC Act 2006 (as amended) and to accord with policy DP38 of the Mid Sussex District Plan.

Comments

We have reviewed the Proposed Landscaping Plan & External Lighting Details Drawing Number 23/114/SK13 Rev D (Lightbox Architecture Ltd., April 2026), which has been submitted in order to discharge Condition 4.

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 4.

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

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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.