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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/25/2488
Location: The Old Woodyard Slaugham Road Staplefield Haywards Heath
Proposal: Discharge of conditions 6 and 8 in relation to DM/25/0489

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

Conditions

6. Prior to any works above slab level, a Biodiversity Enhancement Strategy for protected and Priority or 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 and Priority species & habitats and allow the LPA to discharge its duties under paragraph 187d of the NPPF 2024, 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 Biodiversity Enhancement Strategy (AEWC Ltd September 2025), which has been submitted in order to discharge Condition 6.

We are satisfied that the submitted information includes the detail required by this condition. This allows the LPA to demonstrate it has meet its duties under the NPPF (December 2024), s40 of the NERC Act 2006 (as amended) and local planning policy.

Recommendation

Subject to implementation in full of the submitted details, we recommend discharge of Condition 6.

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

Yours sincerely,

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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.