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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/26/1154
Location:	Land South And West Of Imberhorne Upper School Imberhorne Lane East Grinstead West Sussex
Proposal:	Discharge of planning conditions nos 28 and 40 relating to planning application DM/23/2699

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

Conditions

Condition 40: Recommend discharge

Prior to the commencement of development, including any site clearance works, a Farmland Bird Compensation Strategy shall be submitted to and approved by the local planning authority to compensate the loss or displacement of any Farmland Bird territories identified as lost or displaced. This shall include provision of offsite compensation in nearby agricultural land, prior to commencement.

The content of the Farmland Bird Compensation Strategy shall include the following:

- a) Purpose and conservation objectives for the proposed compensation measure e.g. Skylark plots;
- b) detailed methodology for the compensation measures e.g. Skylark plots must follow Agri-Environment Scheme option: 'AB4 Skylark Plots';
- c) locations of the compensation measures by appropriate maps and/or plans;
- d) persons responsible for implementing the compensation measure.

The Farmland Bird Compensation Strategy shall be implemented in accordance with the approved details, and all features shall be retained for a minimum period of 10 years.

Reason: To allow the LPA to discharge its duties under the NERC Act 2006 (as amended) and to accord with policy DP38 of the Mid Sussex District Plan 2014-2031.

Comments

We have reviewed the Farmland Bird Compensation Strategy (Ecosupport Ltd., May 2026) which has been submitted in order to discharge Condition 40.

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 40.

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

Yours sincerely,

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Place Services provide ecological advice on behalf of Mid Sussex District Council.

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.