



ECOLOGICAL ADVICE SERVICE

TO: *Ethan Bonthron*

FROM: *Luke Wallace*

DATE: *12 December 2022*

SUBJECT: *20221174 / Metropolitan Police Specialist Training Centre, Gravesend*

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Condition 5 states: "Prior to completion/first use, a lighting design plan for biodiversity will be submitted to, and approved in writing by, the local planning authority. The plan will show:
The type and locations of external lighting;
The expected light spill in lux levels;
The expected times of operations; and
That areas to be lit will not have adverse impacts on biodiversity.
All external lighting will be installed in accordance with the specifications and locations set out in the plan and will be maintained thereafter."

We have reviewed the submitted documents in relation to condition 5 and advise that additional information is needed before a discharge can be recommended.

It is not immediately obvious where the information is regarding times of operation – will all external lighting be subject to PIR sensor illumination or will lights be turned off at some point? Additionally, we cannot see that the expected light spill in lux levels has been submitted, as stipulated within the condition.

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