



ECOLOGICAL ADVICE SERVICE

TO: *Alison Webster*

FROM: *Helen Forster*

DATE: *22 December 2025*

SUBJECT: *Cascades Leisure Centre Gravesend 20251172 and 20251171*

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Any additional information, queries or comments on this advice that the applicant or other interested parties may have must be directed in every instance to the planning officer, who will seek input from the EAS where appropriate and necessary.

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Condition 3 states: *No development shall take place until a Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The document shall be based on the submitted draft Construction, Environmental Management Plan and cover all environmental impacts from the clearance and construction phases of this development including details of the following, as well as any other measures deemed reasonably necessary:*

h) Ecological mitigation measures.

When we commented on the original application we advised that as the site was well maintained the main ecological constraint would be breeding birds.

The submitted construction management plan has confirmed that measures will be implemented to protect retained trees, works to remove vegetation/buildings will be carried out outside of the breeding bird season or following a negative pre commencement survey and lighting will only be operational when required.

We are satisfied that the measures are sufficient to discharge the condition.

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Condition 7 states; *No development shall take place until an arboricultural impact assessment and arboricultural method statement explaining the measures you will take to protect the trees (including roots) on and close to the site, including a tree protection plan have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. These documents shall include details of the location of service cabling for EV charging points and lighting, the location of pipework for SUDs and proposed surface water sewers, as well as details of how the widened paths will be constructed and the full extent of repairs/alterations to the parking areas. The tree protection plan should also take account of where the site compound will be placed during the construction phase including access, parking and storage. The tree protection measures shall thereafter remain in place throughout the construction phase and the development shall be implemented in accordance with the details once approved.*

We will defer to the tree officer on this condition discharge.

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This response was submitted following consideration of the following documents:
Construction & Environmental Management Plan