



ECOLOGICAL ADVICE SERVICE

TO: *Gravesham Borough Council*

FROM: *KCC Ecological Advice Service*

DATE: *20th February 2026*

SUBJECT: *Combined EAS response for the following planning applications*

20260111 & 20260160

The following is provided by Kent County Council's Ecological Advice Service (KCC EAS) for Local Planning Authorities. It is independent, professional advice and is not a comment/position on the application from the county council. It is intended to advise the relevant planning officer(s) on the potential ecological impacts of the planning application and if sufficient/appropriate ecological information has been provided.

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.

In providing the following comments all relevant information has been submitted including ecological information (where submitted) and site plans. In addition other documents when considered useful have been reviewed this will include (but not limited to) the design and access statement and arboricultural reports.

Additional supporting information can be found at the end of the report regarding requests for additional information and BNG.

Where applicable, suggested condition wording can be found at the end of the report. The conditions have been numbered and referred to in the below text.

Planning Applications Reviewed

Reference Number	Application Name	Planning Officer	Further Information Required
20260111	The Red House, Gravesend	Adeoye Lawal	N
20260160	Land To The East of Dean	Alison Webster	Condition 14-Ecological scheme

	Lane, Harvel		Plan showing all biodiversity features detailed. List of species for planting and detail on management measures. Condition 15 – lighting plan
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Planning Applications

No.	Planning application	Further Information Required?	Reasoning
1	20260111 The Red House, Gravesend Adeoye Lawal	Adeoye Lawal	Condition 3 (Biodiversity Enhancement) A biodiversity enhancement plan has been provided and this notes installation of suitably placed bird and bat boxes, insect hotel and log piles. We have sufficient information to discharge this condition.
2	20260160 Land To The East of Dean Lane, Harvel Alison Webster	Y	Condition 14 (Ecological Scheme) A drawing has been noted within the LEEP that notes the location of the following • Native hedgerow reinforcement planting • Wildflower meadow margin enhancement • Bat roosting box installation • Bird nesting box installation • Hedgehog connectivity gaps • Deadwood habitat piles • Development free ecological buffer zone • Wildlife sensitive lighting The proposed block plan shows; Native hedgerow reinforcement planting and Development free ecological buffer zone but not the location for the other items. The condition also requires detail on maintenance measures. We require a plan with all features shown and a list of management measures that will be carried out. We recommend a list of species for planting is provided

			Condition 15 (Lighting) condition The LEEP states a drawing shows ecological sensitive lighting but the proposed block plan submitted does not show any lighting. We note the planning condition discharge report states low level downlighting LED on motion sensors will be provided but this has not been shown on a plan as required by the condition. We expect fitting type also to be provided. We note a lighting specification report is listed which is not available. *Lighting plan required
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