



ECOLOGICAL ADVICE SERVICE

TO: Amanda Cue

FROM: Emma England

DATE: 21 May 2024

SUBJECT: 20240373 / Land at St Columbas Close, Gravesend

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.

CONDITION DISCHARGE – SUFFICIENT INFORMATION

We have reviewed the submitted documents in relation to condition 10 and advise that sufficient information has been provided to discharge the condition.

Condition 10 states:

Within six months of works commencing, details of how the development will offset biodiversity loss/enhance biodiversity will be submitted to, and approved in writing by, the local planning authority. This will include a native species-only landscape scheme. The approved details will be implemented and thereafter retained.

Reason: In order to enhance the biodiversity of the site in accordance with Policy CS12 of the Gravesham Local Plan Core Strategy (September 2014).

The condition above stipulates a native species-only landscaping scheme. We note that non-native species have been included in the landscaping scheme. However, in our view, sufficient native and wildlife-friendly planting has been included in the scheme to provide an enhancement to biodiversity.

If you have any queries regarding our comments, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Emma England
Biodiversity Officer

This response was submitted following consideration of the following documents:

Davis (April 2024) Soft Landscape Management and Maintenance Plan. St Columbas Close, Gravesend.

Davis (April 2024) Proposed Planting Plan – Native Planting Mixes 1 & 2. St Columbas Close, Gravesend.

Davis (April 2024) Proposed Planting Plan – Trees, Hedging and areas of grass. St Columbas Close, Gravesend.

Davis (April 2024) Proposed Planting Plan – Native planting mix 3, 4, 5 & Herb garden Miz 6. St Columbas Close, Gravesend.