



ECOLOGICAL ADVICE SERVICE

TO: *Alison Webster*

FROM: *Helen Forster*

DATE: *15 July 2024*

SUBJECT: *Former Guru Nanak Darbar Gurdwara, Gravesend 20240024*

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Condition 15 states: *Within 6 months of works commencing a landscaping scheme (including details of hard landscaping materials, soft landscaping planting and external lighting design and levels) shall be submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority. That scheme shall be carried out in full prior to the first occupation of any dwelling hereby approved, and retained thereafter.*

Condition 17 states; *Within six months of works commencing, details of how the development will 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 prior to first occupation of any of the dwellings.*

The following comments are valid for both conditions.

The submitted landscaping plan has detailed the following will be incorporated in to the site:

- Native species hedgerow (yew)
- Species to benefit pollinators (Lavendar)
- 6 integrated bat boxes

- 4 Hedgehog boxes
- Gaps under the fences to enable movement of hedgehogs under the fence.

We highlight that the reference to the gaps under the fences are just made in the key and not included on the plan. We highlight that hedgehog highways/gaps must be included in all gardens to ensure that hedgehogs can access all gardens and the surrounding area.

We are satisfied that the measures are sufficient to discharge both conditions.

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

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This response was submitted following consideration of the following documents:

- Landscape Plan; Haskins Design; August 2023