

Planning Department
Civic Centre
Windmill Street
Gravesend
Kent
DA12 1AU

16th April 2026

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Re: Discharge of Conditions - Appeal Decision dated 22 December 2025 –
Reference 6001400**

Site Address: 5 Forge Lane, Higham, Rochester, Kent ME3 7AS

I am writing to formally submit details to discharge the conditions attached to the above appeal decision. Please find below my responses to the four conditions outlined:

1. Development Start Date

I can confirm that development is scheduled to commence in May 2026.

2. Approved Plans

I confirm that the development will be carried out fully in accordance with the approved drawings submitted as part of the appeal.

3. Driveway Hard Surface

I confirm that the driveway will be constructed using a Marshalls Piora permeable block paving system, in line with the submitted product datasheet.

The installation will be undertaken by a driveway specialist contractor. No new walls or fencing are proposed. However, minimal edging (a few centimetres in height) will be installed where required to retain the paving and ensure structural stability.

4. Soft Landscaping Scheme

Further details in response to the requirements are as follows:

i. Planting Details

- One Flamingo Willow tree *Salix Integra* (planted at approximately 1 metre, with a maximum height of 2.5 metres)

- Four to five Weigela Bristol Ruby hedging plant (planted at approximately 1 metre, with a maximum height of 1.5 metres)
- Four Pyracantha Orange Glow/Firethorn hedging plant (planted at approximately 1 metre, with a maximum height of 1.5 metres)
- Seasonal planting (Foxglove, Daffodils, and Cyclamen) covering approximately 2m², with growth up to approximately 85cm depending on species
- 10m² of Perennial Ryegrass lawn

ii. Biodiversity Enhancements

- The proposed planting scheme has been designed to enhance biodiversity and provide ecological benefits. They are high value to bees, butterflies and other pollinating insects, according to the RHS.

iii. Planting Programme

- Flamingo Willow tree: September to March
- Weigela Bristol Ruby hedging: October to November
- Pyracantha Orange Glow/Firethorn hedging: October
- Foxglove: August to September
- Daffodils: September to November
- Cyclamen: September to October
- Perennial Ryegrass: October

iv. Maintenance and Aftercare

- All planting will be regularly watered and maintained. A professional gardener will be appointed to ensure successful establishment and ongoing health of the landscaping.

I would be grateful if you could confirm that the above information is sufficient to discharge the relevant conditions.

Please also advise whether any inspections or monitoring visits are required during the course of the works or upon completion.

I look forward to your response.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Hamada Aqlan