



ECOLOGICAL ADVICE SERVICE

TO: Amanda Grout
FROM: Emma England
DATE: 30 November 2023
SUBJECT: 20231115 / Mid Kent Golf Club, 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.

SUMMARY – SUFFICIENT INFORMATION

We have reviewed the information submitted by the applicant and advise that sufficient information has been provided.

Under section 40 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities (NERC) Act 2006 and paragraphs 174 and 180 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) 2023, biodiversity should be maintained and enhanced through the planning system.

From photographs provided, the habitat to be removed to facilitate the relocation of the 13th hole is suitable for the protected species: nesting birds and reptiles. We note that compensatory habitat is proposed in Weller Designs Ltd drawing number 851.04 rev A dated 3rd November 2023. To secure a biodiversity net gain from proposals, the proposed fescue roughs and tree/shrub retention should be secured by condition.

Further, to avoid breaches of legislation, if planning permission is granted, we advise the condition below is included.

Ecological Mitigation

No development shall take place (including any ground works or vegetation clearance) until a precautionary method statement for protected species (e.g., reptiles and nesting

birds) has been submitted to, and approved in writing by, the local planning authority. The content of the method statement shall be produced by a suitably qualified and experienced ecologist and through liaison with the construction team. The works shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details.

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:

Weller, D. (August 2023) Design and Access Statement. Proposed Relocation of the 13th Hole in Response to Safety Concerns at Mid Kent Golf Club, Singlewell Road, Gravesend, DA11 7RB.

Weller Designs Limited (November 2023) Existing Site Details. Mid Kent Golf Club. 851.02 Rev A.

Weller Designs Limited (November 2023) 13th Hole Proposals. Mid Kent Golf Club. 851.04 Rev A.