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Our reference: P.01.002.3360

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Dear Planning Team,

Site: New Green Farm, Lower Road, Shorne, Gravesend, Kent.

Planning reference: 20250643

I write to seek the to discharge Conditions 3 and 7 attached to the above planning permission.

In support of this application, we have enclosed the ecological reports prepared by the suitably qualified ecological consultants, including:

- Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP); and
- Habitat Management and Monitoring Plan (HMMP).

The submitted CEMP has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of Condition 3 and incorporates the ecological protection and mitigation measures identified within the Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (Greenspace Ecological Solutions, January 2025). The report includes details relating to retained tree and hedgerow protection, measures to avoid impacts on badgers, reptiles and nesting birds, the role and responsibilities of the Ecological Clerk of Works (ECoW), and any licensing requirements where applicable.

"CEMP

3. Prior to the commencement of any above ground works (including any site and/or vegetation clearance) a Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP), which contains full details of the measures outlined in section 6.4 of the Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (Greenspace Ecological Solutions, January 2025), shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The CEMP shall be based on up-to-date ecological survey information, as advised by a suitably qualified ecologist and shall include the following:

- a) Retained tree and hedgerow protection measures in accordance with BS 5837:2012;*
- b) Specific measures (which may be presented as a series of method statements) to avoid impacts to badgers, reptiles and nesting birds;*

- c) The role and responsibilities of an Ecological Clerk of Works (ECoW) or similarly competent person(s); and*
- d) Copies of any protected species mitigation licences issued by Natural England as required.*

The approved CEMP shall be adhered to and implemented throughout the construction period in accordance with the approved details.

Reason: To protect biodiversity in accordance with paragraph 193 of the National Planning Policy Framework 2024 and Policy CS12 of the Gravesham Local Plan Core Strategy 2014, to avoid an offence under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) and with consideration for Species of Principal Importance under the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006."

The submitted HMMP has been prepared in accordance with the approved Biodiversity Gain Plan and addresses the requirements of Condition 7. The report includes a non-technical summary, details of responsibilities for implementation and management, habitat creation and enhancement measures, long-term management prescriptions for a 30-year period, and the proposed monitoring methodology and reporting arrangements.

HMMP

7. Prior to the commencement of any above ground works, a Habitat Management and Monitoring Plan (HMMP), prepared in accordance with the approved Biodiversity Gain Plan shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. This strategy shall include the following components:

- (a) a non-technical summary;*
- (b) the roles and responsibilities of the people or organisation(s) delivering the HMMP;*
- (c) the planned habitat creation and enhancement works to create or improve habitat to achieve the biodiversity net gain in accordance with the approved Biodiversity Gain Plan;*
- (d) the management measures to maintain the habitat in accordance with the approved Biodiversity Gain Plan for a period of 30 years from the completion of development; and*
- (e) the monitoring methodology (including frequency of submitting reports to the Local Planning Authority) in respect to the created or enhanced habitat.*

The development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details.

Reason: To ensure the development delivers a biodiversity net gain on site in accordance with Schedule 7A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990



Additionally, the approved site location plan has also been included for reference. We therefore respectfully request that the Local Planning Authority reviews the enclosed documentation and confirms the formal discharge of Conditions 3 and 7.

Should any further information be required, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K Gibbings".

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