



ECOLOGICAL ADVICE SERVICE

TO: Louise Daniels
FROM: Marie Thibault
DATE: 08 January 2020
SUBJECT: Y19/1334/FH / Red Tiles, Littlestone

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Condition 11 states : *No development shall take place above foundation level until details of the installation of bird boxes on the site have been submitted to and agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The agreed installations shall take place before any of the dwellings on the site are occupied and they shall be maintained thereafter.*

As a result of reviewing the Y15/0212/SH Condition 11 document that we have available to us, we advise that the submitted document is not sufficient to discharge condition 11.

No information has been provided clarifying where the bird boxes will be located within the site (other than on existing trees and on the buildings).

The boxes should be installed high on the retained trees (above 4m) and buildings (immediately below the roofline) and be positioned away from light sources.

The boxes should comply to the manufacturer guidelines and recommendations (installation and on-going maintenance).

More details at:

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/birds-and-wildlife/read-and-learn/helping-birds/nestboxes/>

The 6 proposed bird boxes should be put up at suitable locations on site or integrated into the new building and we advise that locations are drawn on the final site plan and submitted for comment.

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 document(s):
Y15/0212/SH Condition 11, unnamed, undated.