



ECOLOGICAL ADVICE SERVICE

TO: Beth Lennon

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DATE: 25 September 2018

SUBJECT: Y18/0941/FH / Land rear of Old School House, Romney

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Condition 9 states: "No development shall take place (including site and vegetation clearance, ground investigations, site survey works, archaeological investigation, erection of fences and hoardings around the site, decontamination works, works connected with infilling or ground stability, works for the provision of drainage or services to the site to prepare the site for development) until a detailed Environmental Mitigation Strategy, based on the Outline Mitigation Strategy (Martin Newcombe 6th November 2016) has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The Environmental Mitigation Strategy shall include the following:

- a) Detailed mitigation strategies for reptiles/newts/bats/birds/mammals including:
 - i) Location of receptor site(s)/bat roosts/bird boxes (where required)
 - ii) Methodology to carry out the works
 - iii) Details of when the mitigation can be carried out.
- b) Time tables of implementation of works - demonstrating that the mitigation will be completed prior to works commencing.
- c) Identification of "biodiversity protection zones".
- d) Practical measures (both physical measures and sensitive working practices) to avoid or reduce impacts during construction (may be provided as a set of method statements).
- e) The role and responsibilities on site of an ecological clerk of works (ECoW) or similarly competent person.

f) Use of protective fences, exclusion barriers and warning signs.

The approved Environmental Mitigation Strategy shall be adhered to and implemented throughout the construction period strictly in accordance with the approved details, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority."

We have reviewed the submitted documents in relation to condition 9 and advise that there is sufficient information to discharge the condition.

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This response was submitted following consideration of the following documents:

- *Update Ecological Baseline Report, and Ecological Mitigation Strategy. Aspect Ecology. September 2018.*
- *Proposed Site Plan. CDP Architecture. August 2018.*