



ECOLOGICAL ADVICE SERVICE

TO: Helena Payne
FROM: Clair Thackray
DATE: 03 April 2024
SUBJECT: 24/0358/FH/CON Elham Village Hall, Elham

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.

Condition 9 states:

No development beyond the construction of foundations or the shed base shall take place until full details of both hard and soft landscape works have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. These details shall include existing trees to be retained/removed, shrubs and other features (including boundary planting), planting schedules of plants, noting species (which shall be native species and of a type that will encourage wildlife and biodiversity), plant sizes and numbers where appropriate, means of enclosure, hard surfacing materials, and an implementation programme. Upon approval of the landscaping scheme, works shall be carried in accordance with the agreed landscaping scheme and prior first use of the shed hereby approved.

Reason: In the interests of the visual amenity of the area and encouraging wildlife and biodiversity.

The condition requires that planting schedules will be native; the scheme comprises a broad range of native species and this is very much welcomed. However, the Landscape Plan also includes New Zealand privet. We advise that this and any other non-native species are replaced with native planting. We request that written confirmation of the

removal of non-native species from the plan is provided to the LPA prior to discharge of the condition. This can be provided directly via email.

If you have any queries regarding our comments, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Clair Thackray
Biodiversity Officer

This response was submitted following consideration of the following documents:
Landscape Plan (left and right). Clements and Stanyon. Feb 2024