Horsham District Council

DELEGATED APPLICATIONS - ASSESSMENT SHEET

APPLICATION NO./ADDRESS:
DISC/24/0022
Mowbray Development Site, Old Holbrook, Horsham, West Sussex,

DESCRIPTION:
Application for Approval of Details Reserved by Conditions 13 and 14 to approved application DC/16/1677 (Phase 2)

RELEVANT PLANNING HISTORY:

DC/16/1677	Outline planning application with all matters reserved except access for a mixed use strategic development to include housing (up to 2,750 dwellings), business park (up to 46,450 m2), retail, community centre, leisure facilities, education facilities, public open space, landscaping and related infrastructure	Application Permitted on 01.03.2018
DC/19/0984	Non material amendments to approved application DC/16/1677 (the North Horsham Development site) for amendments to the wording of conditions 5,7,8,9,11,12,13,14,16,17,18,19,22,28, 31 & 54 and the introduction of a new condition to enable the Principal Access Works to come forward	Application Permitted on 12.06.2019
DC/21/0181	Non Material Amendment to condition 2 of DC/16/1677 (Outline planning permission for Land North of Horsham strategic site) to amend all parameter plans.	Application Permitted 12.03.2021

PLANNING ASSESSMENT
Consent is sought to discharge the details reserved by condition 13 and 14 (ecological details) for Phase 2. The wording condition relates to the amended wording approved under DC/19/0984.

Condition 13: Pre-Commencement Condition: Prior to the submission of a Phase-wide Ecological Mitigation and Management Plan (EMMP) for any Phase, or part thereof, up to date ecological surveys shall be carried out to provide up to date information regarding the potential of that Phase to support protected and notable species and inform the future design of measures that will be required to avoid, mitigate or compensate for impacts and to inform the Ecological Mitigation and Management Plan for that Phase or part thereof. These surveys shall be completed by suitably qualified ecologist(s), recognised by a relevant professional body such as CIEEM, and in accordance with current survey guidelines. The scope of these surveys shall be agreed in advance with the LPA, and may include advanced surveys for rare bat species. The surveys shall be completed in accordance with the agreed scope prior to the submission of the Phase- Wide EMMP for that Phase, or part thereof, and the results and associated reports of the surveys appended to the EMMP for that Phase or part thereof.

Reason: As this matter is fundamental to safeguard and enhance the ecology and biodiversity of the area in accordance with Policy SD6 and Policy 31 of the Horsham District Planning Framework (2015), the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended), Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 (as amended), The Badger Act 1992, NERC Act 2006 and the NPPF.

To comply with the requirements of the condition, an Ecology Survey Scoping Report produced by CIEEM has been submitted. The Council's Ecologist has commented that the details are acceptable and the requirements of the condition have been satisfied.

Condition 14: Pre-Commencement Condition: Prior to the submission of an Ecological Mitigation and Management Plan (EMMP) with an application seeking approval of Reserved Matters pursuant to the planning permission, up to date ecological surveys shall be carried out to provide up to date information regarding the potential of the area covered by the Reserved Matters application to support protected and notable species and inform the future design of measures that will be required to avoid, mitigate or compensate for impacts and to inform the Ecological Mitigation and Management Plan for that Reserved Matters application. These surveys shall be completed by suitably qualified ecologist(s), recognised by a relevant professional body such as CIEEM, and in accordance with current survey guidelines. The scope of these surveys shall be agreed in advance with the LPA, and may include advanced surveys for rare bat species. The surveys shall be completed in accordance with the agreed scope prior to the submission of the EMMP for that Reserved Matters area and the results and associated reports appended to the Ecological Mitigation and Management Plan for that Reserved Matters area.

Reason: As this matter is fundamental to safeguard and enhance the ecology and biodiversity of the area in accordance with Policy SD6 and Policy 31 of the Horsham District Planning Framework (2015), the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended), Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 (as amended), The Badger Act 1992, NERC Act 2006 and the NPPF.

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Water Neutrality

On 14 September 2021, the Council received a Position Statement from Natural England. Information collected by Natural England shows that water abstraction for drinking water supplies is having a negative impact on the wildlife sites in the Arun Valley. They have advised that any new development that takes place must not add to this negative impact.

This application seeks to approve details reserved by a condition. As a 'pre-commencement condition', the wording of the condition is considered a 'conditions precedent'. However, no works have started within Phase 2 and no reserved matters application has been granted for this Phase. As such, the Council, at this stage, does not know the extent of development and thus the water use on the parcel, with this all being captured at RM stage. The Council as Competent Authority under its duties imposed by the Habitat Regulations has therefore 'screened out' this application for water neutrality purposes with water neutrality to be addressed at RM stage within each development parcel. No adverse effects on the Arun Valley habitat sites will therefore occur.

Recommendation: Application Permitted

NOTE TO APPLICANT

POSITIVE AND PROACTIVE STATEMENT
Statement pursuant to Article 35 of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015. The Local Planning Authority has acted positively and proactively in determining this application by assessing the proposal against all material considerations, including planning policies and any representations that may have been received, in order to be able to, where possible, grant permission.

Plans list for: DISC/24/0022

(The approved plans will form Condition 1 on the Decision Notice of all Permitted applications)

Schedule of plans/documents **approved**:

Plan Type	Description	Drawing Number	Received Date
Supporting Docs	Covering Letter		21.02.2024
Supporting Docs	Ecology Survey Scoping Report		21.02.2024
Plans	Location Plan Red Line on OS Base	2153A - 01	21.02.2024

Schedule of plans/documents **not approved**:

Plan Type	Description	Drawing Number	Received Date

DELEGATED

Case Officer sign/initial Jason Hawkes Date: 09/04/2024

Authorising Officer sign/initial Adrian Smith Date: 09/04/2024