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By email only

Thank you for requesting advice on this discharge of condition from Place Services' ecological advice service. This service provides advice to planning officers to inform Horsham District Council planning decisions with regard to potential ecological impacts from development. Any additional information, queries or comments on this advice that the applicant or other interested parties may have, must be directed to the Planning Officer who will seek further advice from us where appropriate and necessary.

Application: **DISC/24/0124**
Location: **Rikkyo School Guildford Road Rudgwick West Sussex RH12 3BE**
Proposal: **Approval of details reserved by conditions 3,4,6,8 and 11 to approved application DC/23/1912**

Thank you for consulting Place Services on the above discharge of conditions application. We can only comment on conditions relating to ecology.

a) No ecological harm/No objection	
b) Requires further information	
c) Recommend grant permission subject to conditions	
d) Recommend refusal	
e) Discharge of conditions 6 and 8	Yes

Conditions

Condition 6: Recommend discharge of condition

Pre-Commencement Condition: No development shall commence until a construction environmental management plan (CEMP: Biodiversity) has been submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. The CEMP (Biodiversity) shall include the following. a) Risk assessment of potentially damaging construction activities.
b) Identification of "biodiversity protection zones".
c) 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).
d) The location and timing of sensitive works to avoid harm to biodiversity features.
e) The times during construction when specialist ecologists need to be present on site to oversee works.
f) Responsible persons and lines of communication.
g) The role and responsibilities on site of an ecological clerk of works (ECoW) or similarly competent person.
h) Use of protective fences, exclusion barriers and warning signs.

The approved CEMP 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.

Reason: To conserve protected and Priority species and allow the LPA to discharge its duties under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended), the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) and s40 of the NERC Act 2006 (Priority habitats & species).

Condition 6: Recommend discharge of condition
Pre-Commencement Condition: No development hereby permitted shall take place unless and until a certificate from the Delivery Partner (as set out in the District Licence WML-OR136, or a 'Further Licence'), confirming that all necessary measures regarding great crested newt compensation have been appropriately dealt with, has been submitted to and approved by the planning authority and the authority has provided authorisation for the development to proceed under the district newt licence.

The delivery partner certificate must be submitted to this planning authority for approval prior to the commencement of the development hereby approved.

Reason: In order to adequately compensate for negative impacts to great crested newts, and in line with section 15 of the National Planning Policy Framework, Circular 06/2005 and the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006.

Comments
Condition 6
We have reviewed the Construction Environmental Management Plan (The Ecology Partnership, May 2024) which has been submitted in order to discharge Condition 6.

We are satisfied that the submitted information includes the detail required by this condition.

Condition 8
We have reviewed the Great Crested Newt District Licencing Scheme Certificate Number NSP710HDC dated 6th June 2024 (NatureSpace Partnership) which has been submitted in order to discharge Condition 8.

We are satisfied that the submitted information includes the detail required by this condition.

Recommendation
Subject to implementation in full of the submitted details, we recommend discharge of Conditions 6 and 8.

Please contact us with any queries.

Yours sincerely,

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Place Services provide ecological advice on behalf of Horsham District Council
Please note: This letter is advisory and should only be considered as the opinion formed by specialist staff in relation to this particular matter.