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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/25/0031**
Location: **Angell Sand Pit Washington Road Storrington West Sussex**
Proposal: **Approval of details reserved by conditions 14 and 18 to approved application DC/23/2144**

Dear Nicola

Thank you for consulting Place Services on the above discharge of condition application. We can only comment on conditions related 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 Condition 18		Yes

Condition 18: Recommend discharge
Pre-Occupation Condition: Prior to the first occupation of the development hereby permitted, a lighting design scheme for biodiversity shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. The scheme shall identify those features on site that are particularly sensitive for bats and that are likely to cause disturbance along important routes used for foraging; and show how and where external lighting will be installed (through the provision of appropriate lighting contour plans, lsolux drawings and technical specifications) so that it can be clearly demonstrated that areas to be lit will not disturb or prevent bats using their territory. All external lighting shall be installed in accordance with the specifications and locations set out in the scheme and maintained thereafter in accordance with the scheme and approved

phasing plan for the development. Under no circumstances should any other external lighting be installed without prior consent from the local planning authority.

Reason: As these matters are fundamental to enhance the ecology and biodiversity of the area in accordance with Policy 31 of the Horsham District Planning Framework (2015), and to enhance Protected and Priority Species/habitats and allow the LPA to discharge its duties under the s40 of the NERC Act 2006 (Priority habitats & species).

Comments
We have reviewed the Lighting Impact Assessment Report Ref: 28931-LIGH-0401 Rev A (MEC Consulting Group, September 2024) and Lux Contour Plot Drawing Number 28931_02_100_01 Rev A (MEC Consulting Group, September 2024) which have been submitted in order to discharge Condition 18.

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

Recommendations
Subject to implementation in full of the submitted details, we recommend discharge of Condition 18.

Please contact us with any queries.

Yours sincerely

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