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Dear Bethan

Re: Planning Application No: DC/25/0125 – Excavation works adjacent to riverbank and formation of a pond on Land North of Prestwood Lane, Field, Crawley

Our Ref: LGW5810

Further to the above-mentioned planning application, our holding objection dated 17 April 2025 and the subsequent correspondence with regard to the following:

- Amended plans and information dated 01 May 2025, showing the reprofiled pond, the removal of the island and marginal planting
- The signed Bird Hazard Management Plan
- The email from Neve dated today with the following assurances:
    - The pond should be fenced during its early establishment
    - The surrounding vegetation should include a buffer strip around the pond comprising of a longer sward
    - Monitoring of stock surrounding the ponds should be carried out frequently

Given the above we are now happy to withdraw our objection, however it is subject to the following conditions being added to the planning permission:

Submission of Landscaping Scheme

No development shall take place until full details of soft and water landscaping works have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. These details shall include:
- Earthworks
- Grassed areas
- The species, number and spacing of trees and shrubs
- Details of emergent planting

No subsequent alterations to the approved landscaping scheme are to take place unless submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The scheme shall be implemented as approved.

Reason: To avoid endangering the safe movement of aircraft and the operation of London Gatwick through the attraction of birds and an increase in the bird hazard risk of the application site.

Implementation of Bird Hazard Management Plan

The Bird Hazard Management Plan dated 23 May 2025 shall be implemented as approved upon the day works commence on site and shall remain in force in perpetuity. No subsequent alterations to the plan are to take place unless first submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: It is necessary to manage the site in order to mitigate bird hazard and avoid endangering the safe movements of aircraft and the operation of London Gatwick through the attractiveness of birds.

We would also like to make the following observation:

Cranes & Tall Reaching Construction Equipment

If a crane or tall reaching construction equipment is required during the earthworks a permit may be required. We would, therefore, draw the applicant's attention to the requirement within the British Standard Code of Practice for the safe use of Cranes, for crane operators to consult the aerodrome operator before erecting a crane in close proximity to an aerodrome. London Gatwick requires a minimum of four weeks notice. For crane queries/applications please visit Cranes | Permits | London Gatwick Airport or email cranes@gatwickairport.com

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

It is important that the conditions requested in this response are applied to a planning approval. Where a Local Planning Authority proposes to grant permission against the advice of London Gatwick or not to attach conditions which London Gatwick has advised, it shall notify London Gatwick and the Civil Aviation Authority as specified in the Town & Country Planning (Safeguarded Aerodromes, Technical Sites and Military Explosive Storage Areas) Direction 2002.

Yours sincerely

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