

Our Ref: 02/897



Horsham District Council
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25 June 2026

Dear Sirs,

**PENNTHORPE SCHOOL, CHURCH STREET, RUDGWICK, HORSHAM
RETENTION OF EARTH BANK ADJACENT TO ALL-WEATHER SPORTS PITCH
(DC/25/0239)
DISCHARGE OF CONDITION 3**

Planning permission was granted on 28th April 2024 for the retention of the earth bank adjacent to the all-weather sports pitch at Pennthorpe School, Church Street, Rudgwick under reference DC/25/0239.

The earth bank was created during the construction of the sports pitch and the application to retain it was made retrospectively.

This application is made to discharge condition 3 attached to the decision notice DC/25/0239.

Condition 3

Condition 3 states:

'All mitigation measures and/or works shall be carried out in accordance with the details contained in the Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (Phlorum Limited, September 2024), as already submitted with the planning application and agreed in principle with the local planning authority prior to determination.

This will include the appointment of an appropriately competent person e.g. an ecological clerk of works (ECoW) to provide on-site ecological expertise during construction. The appointed person shall undertake all activities, and works shall be carried out, in accordance with the approved details'.

This condition requires the appointment of an Ecological Clerk of Works during construction. As set out above, the permission was largely retrospective so there is no proposed construction to take place. The ecological mitigation works as proposed in the PEA comprised the installation of bat and bird boxes and the planting of select specimen trees. As there were no construction works and no clearance of any planting proposed, an

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ECoW from Phlorum was appointed to undertake a survey of the site following the planting of the specimen trees and installation of the bat/bird boxes in order to confirm that the permission has been fully implemented in line with the approved scheme details.

The planning officer previously confirmed via email that this would be sufficient to discharge the condition.

The bat and bird boxes have now been installed on site and the select specimen trees have been planted in line with the planting plans submitted as part of the approved scheme. The ECoW has undertaken a site survey and confirms in the enclosed report that these mitigation measures have been implemented in line with the permission. Consequently, we request that condition 3 is discharged in full.

Yours sincerely,



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