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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.

Dear Jason

Application: **DISC/24/0254**
Location: **Oakhurst Business Park, Rspca Headquarters Wilberforce Way Southwater West Sussex RH13 9RS**
Proposal: **Application for Approval of Details Reserved by Condition 4 to approved application DC/22/2077**

Thank you for re-consulting Place Services on the above discharge of condition application.

a) No ecological harm/No objection		
b) Requires further information		
c) Recommend grant permission subject to conditions		
d) Recommend refusal		
e) Discharge of Condition 4		Yes

Condition 4: Recommend discharge
Pre-Commencement Condition: No development shall commence unless the Local Planning Authority has been provided with either:

a) a licence issued by Natural England, in relation to Hazel Dormice, pursuant to Regulation 55 of The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended) authorizing the specified activity/development to go ahead; or
b) a statement in writing from the Natural England, in relation to Hazel Dormice, to the effect that it does not consider that the specified activity/development will require a licence.

Reason: To conserve protected 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 s17 Crime & Disorder Act 1998.

Comments
We have reviewed the Natural England Licence – Mitigation Reference 2024-69024-EPS-MIT valid from 18/09/2024 Expiry date 30/09/2029, signed by Helen Williams, Natural England for Hazel Dormouse for Site name: Wilberforce Way which has been submitted in order to discharge Condition 4.

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 4.

Please contact us with any queries.

Yours sincerely

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Please note: This letter is advisory and should only be considered as the opinion formed by specialist staff in relation to this particular matter.