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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.

Application: DISC/26/0314
Location: Land at 516035 124857 Linfield Close Southwater West Sussex
Proposal: Application for Approval of Details Reserved by Condition 6 (Hazel Dormouse Licence) to approved application DC/25/0102

Thank you for consulting Place Services on the above discharge of Condition application. We can only comment on Conditions related to ecology.

Condition

Condition 6: **Recommend discharge**

Pre-Commencement Condition: Not later than the submission of the first Reserved Matters submission, no works which impact the breeding / resting place of Hazel Dormouse shall commence in in any circumstance, unless the local planning authority has been provided with either:

(a) a licence issued by Natural England 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 to the effect that it does not consider that the specified activity/development will require a licence.

Reason: To conserve protected and Priority species in accordance with Policy 31 of the Horsham District Planning Framework (2015), 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 all of the submitted information, which includes a copy of the Hazel Dormouse Mitigation Licence valid from 15/09/2026 – 31/12/2033 and all of the related supplementary information, which has been submitted in order to discharge Condition 6.

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 Condition 6.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries in relation to this advice.

Yours sincerely,

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Place Services provide ecological advice on behalf of Horsham District Council.

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