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Development of 10nr Houses at Bottesford Road, Scunthorpe **A Report on the Implementation of the Bio-Diversity Management Plan** **31 March 2022**

Introduction

This report has been prepared in accordance with Condition 11 of the Planning Consent dated 16th April 2018, which requires demonstration that the Bio-Diversity Management Plan which was prepared, submitted and approved in accordance with Condition 10, has been followed and implemented.

Conditions

Condition 10 stated:

“No Development shall take place until a Biodiversity Management Plan has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

The plan shall include:

- a) Details of measures to avoid harm to hedgehogs and nesting birds during vegetation clearance and construction works;*
- b) Details of at least five bird nesting features to be installed to support a variety of species including swift and house sparrow;*
- c) Restrictions on lighting to avoid impacts on bird nesting sites and sensitive habitats;*
- d) Provision for hedgehogs to pass through any fencing installed between gardens and between areas of grassland;*
- e) Prescriptions for the planting and aftercare of trees and shrubs of high biodiversity value;*
- f) Prescriptions for biodiversity enhancement in drainage features;*
- g) Proposed timings for the above works in relation to the completion of the dwellings.”*

Condition 11 stated:

“The Biodiversity Management Plan shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details and timings, and the approved features shall be retained thereafter, unless otherwise approved in writing by the



local planning authority. Prior to the occupation of the eighth dwelling hereby approved, the applicant or their successor in title shall submit a report to the local planning authority, providing evidence of compliance with the Biodiversity Management Plan.”

This is the said report referred to in Condition 11.

Compliance

Condition 10 was complied with through the production of a combined Construction Ecological Management Plan and Ecological Enhancement Management Plan which outlines the way in which this condition will be complied with. We can confirm that this plan was followed, and its recommendations and requirements implemented. In particular:

- a) *measures to avoid harm to hedgehogs and nesting birds during vegetation clearance and construction works;*

During construction, consideration was given to the impact of the project on Hedgehogs and Nesting Birds, in accordance with the Ecological Construction Method Statement.

Site Vehicles and operatives were conscious of the potential presence of hedgehogs on the development and kept watch to ensure none were injured by site activity.

No trees were felled during the course of the project, no hedges were removed and no grassland vegetation was removed. No birds nested in any part of the development during the project.

- b) *at least five bird nesting features to be installed to support a variety of species including swift and house sparrow;*

The plan included locations for the erection of swift and sparrow nesting boxes on the external elevations of the properties (see Appendix A).

Three Sparrow Nest Boxes were installed on the development:



Figure 1 - Sparrow Nest Box on Side Elevation of Plot 10



Figure 2 - Sparrow Nest Box on Rear Elevation of Plot 1



Figure 3 - Sparrow Nest Box on Side Elevation of Plot 6

Additionally, two Swift Nesting Boxes were installed on the site:



Figure 4 - Swift Nest Box on Side Elevation of Plot 5



Figure 5 - Swift Nesting Box on Front Elevation of Plot 3

c) *Restrictions on lighting to avoid impacts on bird nesting sites and sensitive habitats*

The potentially detrimental effect of lighting on wildlife activity was considered. Lighting was designed to be directed to where it was required and to not shine directly on to bird boxes.

d) *Provision for hedgehogs to pass through any fencing installed between gardens and between areas of grassland*

A route through site from rear garden to rear garden was created to allow hedgehogs to pass and repass freely, through the use of proprietary cut-outs in the fencing:



Figure 6- Showing the allowance made for Hedgehog Passing in Fences

The locations of all the hedgehog gates installed on site can be found in Appendix 1.

e) *Prescriptions for the planting and aftercare of trees and shrubs of high biodiversity value*

The prescriptions for planting and aftercare were considered in the CEMP/EEMP in sections 6.1 and 6.2 and the requirements were implemented through the design of a robust scheme of landscaping for the development. (FDA Drawing R/2350/1)

f) *Prescriptions for biodiversity enhancement in drainage features*

The prescriptions for drainage were considered in the CEMP/EEMP in section 6.3 and were found to not be relevant for this site.

g) *Proposed timings for the above works in relation to the completion of the dwellings*

A proposed timescale for the works was included in the CEMP/EEMP in section 7.1 and all works were carried out in accordance with these timings, and prior to the completion of the dwellings (therefore before the occupation of the eighth property).

Conclusion

All aspects of Condition 10 have been complied with, and therefore Condition 11 should now be discharged.

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Appendix 1

