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PLANNING PERMISSION

APPLICATION NO: 3/2011/0129

DECISION DATE: 15 March 2012

DATE RECEIVED: 07/03/2011

APPLICANT:

Bowsall (Sabden) Limited

Bowasll House

3 King Street

Salford

Lancs

M3 7DG

AGENT:

DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED: Proposed demolition of part of Victoria Mill and conversion of former Spinning Mill into 22no. apartments, conversion of former office building into 3no. townhouses, erection of 4no. affordable elderly care bungalows, 23no. other affordable dwellings, 18no. dwellings and the creation of a new pond.

AT: Victoria Mill Watt Street Sabden Lancashire BB7 9ED

Ribble Valley Borough Council hereby give notice that **permission has been granted** for the carrying out of the above development in accordance with the application plans and documents submitted subject to the following **condition(s):**

1. The development must be begun not later than the expiration of three years beginning with the date of this permission.

REASON: Required to be imposed pursuant to Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

2. The permission shall relate to the development as shown on Plan Drawing No's 1029-7f, 1029-10, 1029-19, 1029-39, 1029-43, 1029-49, 5808-PS01-Rev B, 5808-PS02-Rev A, 5808-PS03-Rev A, 5808-PS04, 5808-PS05-Rev A, 5808-PS06-Rev A, 5808-PS07-Rev A, 5808-PS08-Rev A, 5808-PS09-Rev A, 5808-PS10-Rev A, 5808-PS11-Rev A, 5808-PS12-Rev A, 5808-PS13-Rev A, 5808-PS14-Rev A, 5808-PS15-Rev A, 5808-PS16-Rev A, 5808-EA-01 and 250-01-Rev. A.

REASON: For the avoidance of doubt and to ensure that the development is carried out in accordance with the submitted plans.

3. This permission shall be implemented in accordance with the proposal as amended by letter and plan received on the 13th of May 2011.

REASON: For the avoidance of doubt since the proposal was the subject of agreed amendments.

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4. The phased development of the site shall be carried out in accordance with the details provide within the e-mail dated 21 of June 2011, and as follows,

- Phase 1 - Plots 4-30,
- Phase 2 - Plots 1-3 and 31-41, and
- Phase 3 - Plots 42-70.

REASON: In order to safeguard the development of the entire site and prevent the further deterioration of the original buildings proposed to be retained on site.

5. All the external works of the building to be converted into dwellings hereby permitted, shall be completed before the expiration of three years from the date of this permission.

REASON: In order that the Local Planning Authority retains effective control over the development and to ensure that there is no significant deterioration in the condition of the building contrary to Policies G1 and H16 of the Ribble Valley Districtwide Local Plan.

6. Prior to the commencement of the demolition works on site, a further full building condition survey relating to the buildings/structures to remain on site, namely the former office building, the chimney and the former spinning mill, shall be carried out by a qualified surveyor. Further surveys including a full, dimensional, verticality survey and a thorough, specialist structural survey, as indicated within the RSK Group plc Structural Condition Report dated February 2011, shall be carried out in relation to the chimney. The details, findings, a schedule of conditions and a proposed sequence of operations for the conversion of the two storey, office building located on the bank of Sabden Brook, shall all be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority, unless otherwise agreed in writing.

REASON: In accordance with the requirements of Policy G1, H16, ENV16 and ENV18 of the Local Plan, and PPS5, in order that the Local Planning Authority may be satisfied as to the extent of necessary rebuilding works, and the manner in which it is to be carried out.

7. Within two years from the date of this decision, a schedule of works including a proposed sequence of operations for the scheme of conversion of the former spinning mill shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The scheme shall also include full details of the methods of 'cleaning' the building in question.

REASON: In accordance with the requirements of Policy G1, H16, ENV16 and ENV18 of the Local Plan, and PPS5, in order that the Local Planning Authority may be satisfied as to the extent of necessary rebuilding works, as the application is for the conversion of the building only, and the extent of other works and the manner in which they are to be carried out.

8. Prior to the commencement of phase 2 of the development, a schedule of works including a sequence of operations for the scheme of conversion of the former Marbill office building shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The scheme shall also include full details of the methods of 'cleaning' the building in question.

REASON: In accordance with the requirements of Policies G1 and H16 of the Ribble Valley Districtwide Local Plan in order that the Local Planning Authority may be satisfied as to the extent of necessary works involved, and the manner in which they are to be carried out.

9. Precise specifications and samples of walling, roofing, window and door materials, and details of any window and door surrounds including materials to be used shall have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority before their use in the proposed works. This can be agreed by submission of a materials strategy plan if required.

REASON: In order that the Local Planning Authority may ensure that the materials to be used are appropriate to the locality in accordance with Policies G1, ENV1, ENV16 and H17 of the Ribble Valley Districtwide Local Plan.

10. Prior to the commencement of built development, larger scale details, specifications and cross sections for all important features such as chimney pots, flues, external openings, bays, joinery, eaves and roof junctions, shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority before their use in the approved works. This is in respect to both the new and the converted buildings.

REASON: In order that the Local Planning Authority may ensure that the design, style and materials of the features to be used are appropriate to the locality in accordance with Policies G1, ENV1, ENV16 and H17 of the Local Plan.

11. Notwithstanding the provisions of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2008 (or any Order revoking or re-enacting that Order) any future extensions and/or alterations to the dwellings or apartments hereby approved, or any future additional structures, hard standing or fences including any development within the curtilages, as defined in Schedule 2 Part 1 Classes A to H and Part II Class A shall not be carried out without the formal written consent of the Local Planning Authority.

REASON: In the interests of the amenity of the area and in order that the Local Planning Authority shall retain effective control over the development, in accordance with Policies G1, ENV1, ENV16, H2, H16 and H17 of the Ribble Valley Districtwide Local Plan.

12. Notwithstanding the provisions of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2008 (or any Order revoking or re-enacting that Order) the new dwellings, apartments or converted buildings shall not be altered by the insertion of any window or doorway without the formal written permission of the Local Planning Authority.

REASON: In the interests of the amenity of the area and in order that the Local Planning Authority shall retain effective control over the development, in accordance with Policies G1, ENV1, ENV16 and H17 of the Ribble Valley Districtwide Local Plan.

13. No development approved by this permission shall be commenced until details of the existing and proposed ground levels at the site entrances off Watt Street have been submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. The development shall subsequently proceed in accordance with the approved details.

REASON: To ensure that the development is subject to minimum risk of flooding.

14. No site clearance, site preparation or development work shall take place until a scheme for the removal of the culvert has been submitted and approved by in writing by Ribble Valley Borough Council in consultation with specialist advisors. The approved scheme shall be implemented in full.

REASON: To ensure that the watercourse and associated species are adequately protected during this operation.

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15. Prior to the commencement of development a scheme for the provision and management of a buffer zone alongside Sabden Brook shall be submitted to and agreed in writing by the local planning authority. Thereafter the development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved scheme and any subsequent amendments shall be agreed in writing with the local planning authority. The scheme shall include:

- plans showing the extent and layout of the buffer zone,
- details of any planting scheme (for example, native species),
- details demonstrating how the buffer zone will be protected during development and managed/maintained over the longer term, and
- details of any footpaths, fencing, lighting etc.

REASON: To ensure the development does not detrimentally impact upon Sabden Brook.

16. No development shall take place until a scheme for compensatory habitat creation to mitigate for the loss of the existing on-site pond has been submitted to and agreed in writing by the local planning authority and implemented as approved. The scheme must include details of long-term management and phasing and must be created prior to the loss of the existing pond. Thereafter the development shall be implemented in accordance with the approved scheme.

REASON: To compensate for the loss of the existing pond and ensure no net-loss of aquatic habitat as a result of the development.

17. No development approved by this permission shall be commenced until a detailed 5-year management plan for the conservation of the mitigation pond has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The approved management plan shall be implemented in accordance with the approved scheme.

REASON: To protect and conserve the amphibian and fish mitigation ponds.

18. No site clearance, site preparation or development work shall take place until details of methods for the rescue of fish (including Species of Principal Importance) has been submitted and approved in writing by Ribble Valley Borough Council in consultation with specialist advisors. The approved details shall be implemented in full.

REASON: In order to protect and provide aftercare for important species, and for the benefit of biodiversity in accordance with ENV7 of the Local Plan.

19. No site clearance, site preparation or development work shall take place until a scheme of habitat creation, enhancement and management has been submitted and approved by Ribble Valley Borough Council in consultation with specialist advisors. The approved management plan shall be implemented in full. The scheme should include but not be limited to further details of adequate replacement tree planting (numbers and species and location), brook corridor treatment, nesting bird habitats, replacement ponds and surrounding terrestrial habitat, and habitat connectivity within the application area and the wider landscape.

REASON: In order to protect and provide aftercare and long-term habitat management of the site.
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20. No site clearance, site preparation or development work shall take place until a construction environment management plan has been submitted and approved in writing by Ribble Valley Borough Council in consultation with specialist advisors. The approved scheme shall be implemented in full. The scheme shall include but not be limited to details of protective fencing for retained habitats and trees (in accordance with guidelines BS5837: 2005 Trees in relation to construction - Recommendations), directional and screened lighting to avoid impacts on wildlife habitat, and pollution prevention measures for the protection of water bodies/watercourses.

REASON: In order to protect and provide aftercare and long-term habitat management of the site.

21. Prior to commencement of development, full details of scheme for the eradication of Japanese Knotweed (*Fallopia japonica*) and Himalayan Balsam (*Impatiens glandulifera*) on site shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The method statement shall include proposed measures to prevent the spread of these species during any operations such as mowing, strimming or soil movement. It shall contain measures to ensure that any soils brought to the site are free of seeds/root/stem of any invasive plant covered under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. The scheme shall include a timetable for implementation and works shall be commenced within one year of approval, and the development shall proceed in accordance with the approved method statement. A delay of more than a year will render the approved scheme void and a further site survey must be undertaken and submitted to the Local Planning Authority for approval in order to ensure that the agreed scheme is still applicable.

REASON: To ensure the development does not contribute to the further spread of these invasive species.

22. The bat mitigation proposals given in the Draft Method Statement for the protection of bats (Appendix 3 of the report 'Land at Victoria Mill, Sabden, Lancashire. Ecological Survey and Assessment (including surveys for protected species' by ERAP, February 2011) will be implemented in full, subject to any changes required by Natural England at the licensing stage.

REASON: To protect and conserve the bat habitats identified on site in accordance with Policy ENV7 of the Local Plan.

23. No site clearance, site preparation or development work shall take place until the approved method statement for impacts on common toads and their habitat has been implemented in full.

REASON: To protect and conserve the habitats identified on site in accordance with Policy ENV7 of the Local Plan.

24. All mitigation and enhancement for biodiversity shall be implemented in the first twelve months following occupation or use of the development and maintained thereafter for a period of not less than 5 years to the satisfaction of the Local Planning Authority. All mitigation/enhancement measures shall be in accordance with the details identified in the Environment Services report [sections 5 to 5.7.1 Water Courses/Water Bodies, Vegetation and Habitats, Wildlife, Ponds and Planting].

REASON: In accordance with Policy ENV7 of the Ribble Valley Districtwide Local Plan, in order to protect, enhance and mitigate for biodiversity on the site.

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25. Tree felling, vegetation clearance works, demolition work or other works that may affect nesting birds will be avoided between March and July inclusive, unless the absence of nesting birds has been confirmed by further surveys or inspections.

REASON: In accordance with Policy ENV7 of the Local Plan, in order to protect, enhance and mitigate for biodiversity on the site.

26. The approved landscaping scheme for phases 1 and 2, shall be implemented in the first planting season following completion of each phase of the development and shall be maintained thereafter for a period of not less than 5 years to the satisfaction of the Local Planning Authority. This maintenance shall include the replacement of any tree or shrub which is removed, or dies, or is seriously damaged, or becomes seriously diseased, by a species of similar size to those originally planted.

REASON: In the interests of the amenity of the area and to comply with Policies G1, ENV1 and ENV16 of the Ribble Valley Districtwide Local Plan.

27. Phase 3 of the approved development hereby permitted shall not be commenced until details of the landscaping of the site, including wherever possible the retention of existing trees, have been submitted to, and approved in writing by, the Local Planning Authority. The scheme shall indicate, as appropriate, the types and numbers of trees and shrubs, their distribution on site, those areas to be seeded, turfed, paved or hard landscaped, including details of any changes of level or landform and the types and details of all fencing and screening.

The approved landscaping scheme shall be implemented in the first planting season following occupation or use of the development, whether in whole or part and shall be maintained thereafter for a period of not less than 5 years to the satisfaction of the Local Planning Authority. This maintenance shall include the replacement of any tree or shrub which is removed, or dies, or is seriously damaged, or becomes seriously diseased, by a species of similar size to those originally planted.

REASON: In the interests of the amenity of the area and to comply with Policies G1, ENV1 and ENV16 of the Ribble Valley Districtwide Local Plan.

28. No works shall take place on the site until the applicant, or their agent or successors in title, has secured the implementation of two programmes of work, one of building recording and analysis and another of archaeological. This must be carried out in accordance with a written scheme of investigation, which shall first have been submitted to and agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

REASON: To ensure and safeguard the recording and inspection of matters archaeological/historical importance associated with the site in accordance with PPS5.

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29. Prior to the commencement of development, a comprehensive desk top and site survey shall be carried out by a competent person, to assess the nature, scale and extent of contamination; to assess the potential risks to: human health, property, adjoining land, ground waters and surface waters, ecological systems and archaeological sites and ancient monuments; and detail and appraise the remedial works required to meet the objectives in the Environmental Protection Act. The findings of the survey and proposed remedial actions to be submitted in writing to the Planning Authority for approval prior to development commencing, and be conducted in accordance with DEFRA and the Environment Agency's "Model Procedures for the Management of Land Contamination, CLR 11.

REASON: To ensure that risks from land contamination to site workers; future occupiers and users; and to neighbouring land, controlled waters, property and ecological systems are minimised in accordance with Policy G1 of the Local Plan.

30. Prior to commencement of built development further details of bin storage areas for the converted mill building and the new apartment building, including the access arrangements for such areas, shall be submitted to the Local Planning Authority and approved in writing and thereafter maintained in perpetuity.

REASON: To ensure adequate bin storage and to comply with Policy G1 of the Districtwide Local Plan.

31. No development approved by this permission shall be commenced until a detailed management plan for the retention, conservation and maintenance of the chimney on site has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The approved management plan shall be implemented in accordance with the approved scheme. The chimney and the proposed public open space landscaping details at ground floor level shall be repaired and brought into use prior to the commencement of Phase 2 of the development unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority.

REASON: To protect and conserve the existing chimney on site in accordance with Policies G1 and ENV16 of the Local Plan, and to ensure its survival.

32. The three new vehicular access points proposed for the scheme shall be constructed in accordance with the amended site plan received on the 13th of May 2011, and the sightlines provided shall be kept free of all buildings, structures or erections above the surface of the land and shall remain so in perpetuity.

REASON: To comply with Policy G1 of the Local Plan and to permit vehicles to pull clear of the carriageway when entering the site and to assist visibility.

33. All parking areas and spaces indicated on the approved plans, shall be surfaced or paved in accordance with a scheme to be approved by the local planning authority with the manoeuvring areas marked out in accordance with the approved plan, before the use of the dwellings to which they relate become operative.

REASON: To comply with Policies G1 and T7 of the Ribble Valley Districtwide Local Plan and to allow for the effective use of the parking areas.

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34. Prior to the commencement of the built development on site, precise specifications and samples of the proposed surfacing materials to be used for the access roads, footways and parking bays shall have been submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority before their use on site.

REASON: In order that the Local Planning Authority may ensure that the materials to be used are appropriate to the locality in accordance with Policies G1, ENV1 and ENV16 of the Ribble Valley Districtwide Local Plan, and for clarification with the Highways Department prior to the highways being formally adopted.

35. Prior to the commencement of built development at this site, the following highway signage improvement works shall be carried out in consultation with the Local Highway Authority:

1. Replace the existing signing at the junction of Padiham Road and Whalley Road with a more coordinated arrangement,
2. Remove redundant signing and posts from Whalley Road, and
3. Review and replace other highway signage in the vicinity of the proposed development,

The final agreed improvement works shall be agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority.

REASON: In order to improve road safety at this location and reduce road signage clutter in the interests of visual amenity.

36. Prior to commencement of the built development on site, a final scheme identifying the chosen method of how a minimum of 10% of the energy requirements generated by the development will be achieved on site by renewable energy production methods shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The scheme shall include the full details, specifications and types of renewable energy production methods to be used, as well as their location on site. This shall then be provided in accordance with the approved details prior to commencement of the built development on site and thereafter retained.

REASON: In order to encourage renewable energy and comply with Policy G1 of the Ribble Valley Districtwide Local Plan.

37. No site clearance, site preparation or development work shall take place until a scheme of site lighting has been submitted and approved in writing by Ribble Valley Borough Council in consultation with specialist advisors. The approved scheme shall be implemented in full. The scheme shall demonstrate that there will be no artificial illumination (above existing levels) of retained and boundary trees, the brook corridor, bat roosts, bat foraging and commuting habitat, or ponds.

REASON: In order to ensure the minimal visual intrusion after daylight

38. No site clearance, site preparation or development work shall take place until a scheme of replacement bird nesting opportunities (as recommended by the ecology report) has been submitted and approved in writing by Ribble Valley borough Council in consultation with specialist advisors. The approved scheme shall be implemented in full.

REASON: To protect and conserve the habitats identified on site in accordance with Policy ENV7 of the Local Plan.

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39. Prior to commencement of any site works, including delivery of building materials and excavations for foundations or services, all trees identified to be retained in the arboricultural/tree survey schedule of trees submitted with the application, shall be protected in accordance with the BS5837 9Trees in Relation to Construction) the details of which shall be agreed in writing and implemented in full prior to commencement of any site development work. A tree protection – monitoring schedule shall be agreed and tree protection measures inspected by the local planning authority before any site works are begun.

The root protection zone shall be minimum of 12 x the DBH and shall remain in place until all building work has been completed and all excess materials have been removed from site including soil/spoil and rubble.

During the building works no excavations or changes in ground levels shall take place and no building materials/spoil/soil/rubble shall be stored or redistributed within the protection zone. In addition no impermeable surfacing shall be constructed within the protection zone.

No tree surgery or pruning shall be implemented without prior written consent, which will only be granted when the local authority is satisfied that it is necessary, will be in accordance with BS3998 for tree work and carried out by an approved arboricultural contractor.

REASON: In order to ensure that any trees affected by development and included in the Conservation area are afforded maximum physical protection from the adverse affects of development, and in order to comply with Policies G1 and ENV13 of the District Wide Local Plan.

40. Prior to the commencement of development, details of the swept path modelling that have been carried out on the proposed site shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

REASON: For clarification purposes, as the submitted Transport Statement (Section 3.4.2) indicates that suitable manoeuvring space is available within the site to allow for the safe movement of refuse and other service vehicles.

41. Phase 3 of the approved development shall commence, at the latest, upon completion of the 40th unit on site unless otherwise agreed in writing. In addition, external works to enable the conversion of the former spinning mill to the north of Sabden Brook into apartments shall have commenced prior to the ground works required for the development of units 42-48, unless otherwise agreed in writing.

REASON: To avoid parts of the site remaining undeveloped and in order that the Local Planning Authority shall retain effective control over the development and to prevent the further deterioration of the original buildings proposed to be retained on site.

42. A detailed phasing plan and timetable for Phase 3 of development shall be submitted to and agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority, prior to the completion of Phase 2 of the development.

REASON: To avoid parts of the site remaining undeveloped and in order that the Local Planning Authority shall retain effective control over the development and to prevent the further deterioration of the original buildings proposed to be retained on site.

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43. No development shall take place, including any works of demolition, until a Construction Method Statement has been submitted to, and approved in writing by, the local planning authority. The approved Statement shall be adhered to throughout the construction period.

The Statement shall provide for:

- 1.the parking of vehicles of site operatives and visitors,
- 2.loading and unloading of plant and materials,
- 3.storage of plant and materials used in constructing the development,
- 4.the erection and maintenance of security hoarding including decorative displays and facilities for public viewing, where appropriate,
- 5.wheel washing facilities,
- 6.measures to control the emission of dust and dirt during construction, and
- 7.a scheme for recycling/disposing of waste resulting from demolition and construction works.

REASON: In the interests of residential amenity.

44. This permission should be read in conjunction with the Section 106 Agreement dated 7th March 2012.

REASON: For clarity and avoidance of doubt as the application is subject to a legal agreement.

Relevant planning policy

Policy G1 – Development Control
Policy G4 – Settlement Strategy
Policy ENV 1 – Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty
Policy ENV7 – Species Protection.
Policy ENV13 – Landscape Protection
Policy ENV16 – Development in Conservation Areas
Policy ENV18 – Retention of Important Buildings within Conservation Areas
Policy H15 – Building Conversions – Location
Policy H16 – Building Conversions – Building to be Converted
Policy H17 – Building Conversions – Design Matters
Policy H20 – Affordable Housing – Villages and Countryside
Policy H21 – Affordable Housing – Information Needed
Policy RT8 – Open Space Provision
SPG ‘Extensions and Alterations to Dwellings’
Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS) Policy L4 – Regional Housing Provision
RSS Policy L5
RSS Policy ER5
PPS3 Housing
PPS5 – Planning for the Historic Environment
PPS7 Sustainable Development in Rural Areas
PPS9 Biodiversity and Geological Conservation
PPS25 Development and Flood Risk
Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 (as amended)
The Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended)
The Conservation of habitats and Species Regulations 2010

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Summary of reasons for approval

The proposal represents an appropriate form of development and given its design, size and location would not result in visual detriment to the surrounding countryside, nor would its use have an adverse impact on highway safety.

Note(s)

1. For rights of appeal in respect of any condition(s)/or reason(s) attached to the permission see the attached notes.
2. The applicant is advised that should there be any deviation from the approved plan the Local Planning Authority must be informed. It is therefore vital that any future Building Regulation application must comply with the approved planning application.
3. As the Mill Chimney is to be retained, it is considered that there should be some sort of on-site information provided regarding the history of the site. In this instance, the production of either on-site interpretation panels or a 'popular' leaflet/pamphlet should form part of the agreed scheme of works.
4. Sabden Brook is designated as a 'Main River' watercourse, and it is therefore subject to land Drainage Byelaws. In particular, no trees or shrubs may be planted, nor fences, buildings, pipelines or any other structure erected within 8 metres of the top of any bank/retaining wall of the watercourse without our prior written consent. Full details of such works, together with details of any proposed new surface water outfalls, which should be constructed entirely within the bank profiled, must be submitted for consideration.
5. Under the terms of the Water Resources Act 1991 and the Land Drainage Byelaws, the prior written consent of the Environment Agency is required for any proposed works or structures in, under, over or within 8 metres of the top of the bank of Sabden Brook.
6. The Environment Agency has a right of entry to Sabden Brook by virtue of Section 172 of the Water Resources Act 1991, and a right to carry out maintenance and improvement works by virtue of Section 165 of the same Act.
7. As palmate newts are present on the existing pond, we would advise sensitive translocation to the new pond, to preserve and enhance biodiversity. The EA agree with the recommendation in the ERAP report that the amphibian method statement be submitted to the Local Planning Authority for approval.
8. The EA recommend that the applicant consider options to restore the channel, to increase flood storage and enhance biodiversity of the area of the culvert being opened.

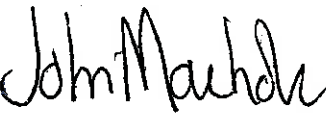
9. The proposed mitigation ponds are currently on land that appears to be outside the ownership of the applicant. Our concerns are dependant upon the mitigation scheme being provided as part of the development, so it is imperative that this matter does not prevent the agreed mitigation being implemented.

Our consent is needed before any fish can be introduced or removed from a watercourse or fishery. We have produced a detailed guide about moving fish called 'Healthier fisheries – a guide to moving fish.' This contains all the information an applicant needs to know about moving fish, including:

- how to apply for a consent to introduce fish to a watercourse or fishery
- how to apply for a consent to remove fish from a watercourse or fishery
- copies of the application forms and an explanation of how to complete them
- when fisheries need to register with the Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science (Cefas)
- when fish health checks need to be carried out and who can do them
- where to buy fish from
- what to do if you are introducing non-native fish to a watercourse or fishery

This guide can be downloaded from our publications database on our website via the following link
<http://publications.environment-agency.gov.uk/?lang=e>

10. Ribble Valley BC imposes a charge to the developer to cover the administration, and delivery costs in providing wheeled bins to each household within a new build property or conversion. Details of current charges are available from the RVBC Contact Centre on 01200 425111.


JOHN HEAP
DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES