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Your Ref: 3/2016/0949

Our Ref: 3756

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**Dear Sirs** 

## RE: DISCHARGE OF CONDITION 56 IN RELATION TO THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF LAND OFF CHURCH RAIKE, CHIPPING

Condition 56 of Application 3/2016/0949 on the above site states:

No site clearance, site preparation or development work shall take place on a parcel of land (as defined on Dwg No 05024\_MP\_00\_105) until a LongTerm Landscape and Ecological Management Plan for that parcel, to include long term design objectives post completion management responsibilities and maintenance schedules for the Mill Pond and all landscaped/habitat areas (other than privately-owned domestic gardens) including any areas of public open space such as grasslands, hedges, trees and any sustainable drainage features has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The Long Term

Landscape and Ecological Management Plan shall include (but not be limited to):

- i) detailed plans outlining the management and maintenance regimes and responsibilities to be adopted for the mill pond;
- ii) monitoring of the establishment of all landscape planting and habitat planting;
- iii) aftercare of all landscape planting and habitat enhancement in accordance with conservation and biodiversity objectives;
- iv) monitoring and treatment of invasive species;



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- v) monitoring of condition of and maintenance of footpaths to encourage use and avoid the creation of informal footpaths that may damage other habitats; P.T.O.
- vi) monitoring and maintenance of bat and bird boxes;
- vii) maintenance of SUDS (where applicable); and
- viii) appropriate timings of management works to ensure avoidance of bird nesting seasons etc.
- ix) management of the woodland area to be used for "informal foraging" (parcel 5) and other areas to be used as for access/public open space (such as area south east of parcel 1)
- x) details of the level of proposed access/usage, measures to control recreation pressures (such as access points, zoning access/no go areas and monitoring visitor numbers)
- xi) full assessment of likely impacts, and measures to offset impacts and enhance the areas for biodiversity.

We can confirm that a survey of the site was undertaken by an ecologists from Envirotech NW Ltd on the  $4^{th}$  May 2021.

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- i) is not applicable to this site as the mill pond is not inside the development footprint.
- iv) is not applicable to this site as there are no invasive species on site.
- v) is not applicable to this site as there are no footpaths on site and no informal footpaths are likely to be created as there are no "desire lines" on site which are not covered by the access road.
- vii) is not applicable to this site as there are no SUDS.
- ix) is not applicable to this site as it references other plots.
- x) is not applicable to this site as there are no areas which would be attractive to visitors other than those people already on site.

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ii) monitoring of the establishment of all landscape planting and habitat planting;

Notes are appended to the landscape plan in respect of establishment for habitat planting.

iii) aftercare of all landscape planting and habitat enhancement in accordance with conservation and biodiversity objectives;

Notes are appended to the landscape plan in respect of establishment for habitat planting. Once established a "hands off" approach is proposed so as to allow the site to naturalise.

vi) monitoring and maintenance of bat and bird boxes;

Bird boxes will be monitored in year 1 and 2 as part of landscape establishment to ensure they remain suitable for use and will be replaced if required.

viii) appropriate timings of management works to ensure avoidance of bird nesting seasons etc.

See condition 48 discharge letter. Nesting bird checks will be undertaken again immediately prior to the start of works which may impact upon nesting habitat.

xi) full assessment of likely impacts, and measures to offset impacts and enhance the areas for biodiversity.

The proposal is on an ecologically degraded pasture field. Boundary areas with higher value are being retained and enhanced with additional planting and appropriate management.

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