Online Comment

Application	H09-0875-26
Location	Land off Damgate Holbeach Spalding
Proposal	Details of landscaping & tree planting including screening of bin collection points, management of landscaping in line with the Biodiversity Metric 4 calculations, management & maintenance of landscaping and tree planting, incidental open space, refuse/recycling collection points and parking courts/private drives & landscape & land management scheme (Conditions 5, 8, 10 & 13 of H09-0243-26)

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For/Against	Comments

Comments
- Based on the landscaping management plan for this condition discharge, we are confident that the proposed landscaping will successfully establish and be managed appropriately.
- Ecological enhancements on landscaping and land management scheme.
o As it stands there are 39 proposed bird boxes and 20 proposed bat boxes for this development. Ordinarily for a development of this scale we would request that there would be significantly more enhancements. We therefore request that the applicant considers increasing the habitat provision to 188 bird boxes (in a 1:1 ration of bird box to dwelling to be in line good practice guidelines) and ~60 bat boxes (in a ratio of 1:3 boxes per dwelling). Ideally some of these enhancements (namely the swift bricks and bat bricks) should be integrated into the external fabric of the building and must be installed during the construction phase and retained thereafter for the lifetime of the development.
o We also request that the provision of swift bricks in increased (this can be part of the requested increased in bird boxes onsite) and should be grouped colonially i.e. 3 swift bricks on every 3rd house they're being proposed for.
o We are happy with the variation of bird box provision but we do request that details of the types of bird, bat and hedgehog boxes be provided so we can review them
- To be in line the recommendations within the PEA, we shall require the lighting strategy proposed for the site to be provided before we can support this condition discharge. This lighting strategy should identify dark corridors (unlit bat friendly areas) along the site boundaries, retained trees and plantation woodland to minimise long term impacts the development could have on commuting and foraging bats.
Please get in touch if you have any further questions,
Grace Hill