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Subject: H14-0083-26 ecology comments

Hi Mark,

Please see below our comments regarding this application.

H14-0083-26 - Kendall Grove Pinchbeck Spalding PE11 5AT

Reserved Matters application providing details of appearance, landscaping layout and scale. Erection of 218 dwellings including roads, public open space, drainage, infrastructure and landscaping - outline approved under Hybrid application H14-1218-21

Summary: There has been sufficient evidence provided to determine this application, and we are confident that a biodiversity net gain will be achieved onsite for this application. We will require alterations to be made to the ecological enhancements plan before we can fully support this application.

Documents reviewed:

- BNG Metric
- Biodiversity plan phase 2 north and south
- Biodiversity Net Gain Assessment (BNGA)
- Biodiversity Management Plan (BMP)

Comments

Ecological Considerations:

- We support the proposed biodiversity provision and ecological enhancements for this site, however, we strongly advocate that swift habitat be provided in the form of universal nest bricks that are integrated into the external material of the building as opposed to the wall mounted swift boxes that are currently mentioned in the Biodiversity plans for the site (e.g., S Brick, Swift Nesting Brick, Manthorpe, Swift Bricks: The 'Universal' Nest Brick – by Dick Newell | CIEEM. - <https://cieem.net/swift-bricks-the-universal-nest-brick-by-dick-newell/>). Reason: Integrated bricks have much better longevity and require no maintenance in comparison to externally mounted nest boxes, which weather, fall off, or can be removed.
- We also request that the locations for these swift bricks are altered to be placed on buildings at or above 4m from the ground. For example, they would be more suitably placed under the eaves of the main buildings rather than on the garages as proposed in the biodiversity plans. Swift bricks should also be grouped colonially (e.g., 3+ bricks on every third house in suitable locations) on the North/North-eastern aspect of buildings.
- Once these alterations have been made to the biodiversity enhancement plans for the site then we shall review the alterations and provide further comments.

BNG Comments and Notes to applicant

- We are confident that there will be a net gain on this site suitable to demonstrate a measurable biodiversity net gain onsite as set out as a condition (condition 57) within the decision notice on the hybrid application H14-1218-21. The applicant has provided a biodiversity net gain metric to demonstrate that this development will achieve a 3.81% gain in habitat area units and a 48.4% gain in hedgerow units.

Conclusion: There has been sufficient evidence provided to determine this application, and we are confident that a biodiversity net gain will be achieved onsite for this application. We will require alterations to be made to the ecological enhancements plan before we can fully support this application.

Please get in touch if you have any further questions,

Kind Regards,

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