

Consultee Comment for planning application 23/03546/DISC

Application Number	23/03546/DISC
Location	Proposed Himley Village North West Bicester Middleton Stoney Road Bicester
Proposal	PARTIAL Discharge of Condition 29 (Landscape and Habitat Management Plan) of 14/02121/OUT (Phase 2A Only)
Case Officer	Suzanne Taylor
Organisation	Ecology (CDC)
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Address	Cherwell District Council Bodicote House White Post Road Bodicote Banbury OX15 4AA
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Comments	<p>The LHMP provided by Tyler Grange covers general landscape and ecological management of phase 2 of the site. However, I have a few concerns.</p> <p>There are several badger setts located on site. The LHMP states that these setts will be retained and buffered, however, I would like to see more detail on the size of the buffers (ideally at least 30m) and the measures put in place to ensure these buffers are in place long-term. a few of the locations are very close to proposed roads, a potential hazard for badgers, which is a concern. The Biodiversity Strategy mentions the 30m buffers during construction, but also states that construction works are proposed within 30m of some of the setts and a licence will be required. My concern here is the lack of strategy for how these buffers will be reinstated and managed for badgers post-construction - and what measures will be put in place to ensure badger populations are not disturbed during the operational phase of the development.</p> <p>The report mentions that some bat and bird boxes will be incorporated into the plots. CDC seeks the equivalent of one bat/bird provision per dwelling (although these may be best clustered) which should be integrated into the fabric of the buildings where possible. There is no detail on the number of boxes/bricks being installed - perhaps this is included in another report? In addition, the provisions for birds specified in the LHMP are not integrated into the buildings - they are mounted onto the external walls. Ideally a mix of box types (integrated swift bricks, sparrow terraces, house martin nest cups, etc.) should be used to encourage a variety of bird species. Since these provisions are included in the LHMP, these details should also be provided within the report.</p> <p>Please let me know once these concerns have been addressed. Kind regards, Megan Belanger</p>
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