

Consultee Comment for planning application 23/01899/DISC

Application Number	23/01899/DISC
Location	OS Parcel 7400 Adjoining And South Of Salt Way Banbury
Proposal	Discharge of Conditions 4 (Biodiversity Enhancement Strategy) and 10 (Tree Pit Details) of 22/02068/REM
Case Officer	Linda Griffiths
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Comments	<p>23/01899/DISC Condition 4 of 14/01932/OUT Phase 1 and 3 Wykham Park Farm Biodiversity Enhancement Strategy</p> <p>With regard to the above application for discharge of condition 4, I have the following comments:</p> <p>I found the layout of the strategy very confusing with three different tables essentially referring to the same thing in different ways. I expect those installing bricks and boxes on site are also likely to find it confusing particularly as it supposed to be referred to for 10+ years in which case it would not be fit for purpose.</p> <p>Table 1 states that 14 bat boxes will be put in (6 of which will be built in), table 3 relating to the construction phase then only mentions 3 bat boxes to be put on trees. I would hope that the built in boxes will be put in during the construction phase otherwise they will not be built in and where have the other 5 tree boxes gone in that table?</p> <p>Table 1 refers to 27 bird provisions with part two mentioning swift boxes (swift bricks would make intention to integrate more obvious). Table 2 states only 7 bird boxes, it also states that swallow cups will be placed under house eaves (swallows will not nest under house eaves - they require outbuildings so it is unlikely to be appropriate here), it also then, in Table 3, states 7 boxes on trees. The plan of the bird box siting states that swift boxes will be built in and placed in groups of five and that there will be a total of 15 swift provisions. However there are 6 locations shown for swift bricks and this would make 30 provisions if placed in groups of five. In short, it is difficult to tell what is proposed.</p> <p>We seek the equivalent of a minimum of one bat or bird (or potentially invertebrate) provision per dwelling albeit these may be best clustered. Even taking the higher numbers as those proposed here this appears to fall some way short of this as I believe Phase 1 and 3 encompasses more than 200 dwellings?</p> <p>The hedgehog highways proposed through fencing are welcome however a specific sign should be placed above fence holes and information given to future residents to try to ensure their retention.</p> <p>There are only two log piles shown and whilst likely to be of benefit to biodiversity it is not proposed to maintain/renew/monitor these after year 1. I would request that further log piles are considered and that after year 5 and 10 these are renewed or added to where possible.</p> <p>I would request some revisions to the document before it is discharged therefore.</p> <p>Kind regards Charlotte</p>
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