

Application Ref: **2015/1672/P – Condition 9 – Biodiversity**26<sup>th</sup> August 2016 – DB/MV**1) Condition Wording****Condition 9**

Prior to first occupation of the development details of the proposals for the enhancement of biodiversity, with particular reference to bats, and a plan showing details of bird and bat box locations and types and indication of species to be accommodated shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. The boxes shall be installed in accordance with the approved plans prior to the occupation of the development and thereafter retained.

Reason: In order to secure appropriate features to conserve and enhance wildlife habitats and biodiversity measures within the development, in accordance with the requirements of the London Plan (Consolidated with Alterations Since 2004) and Camden Planning Guidance 2006 and policy CS15 of the London Borough of Camden Local Development Framework Core Strategy.

**2) Associated Documents**

- 1) Thomson Ecology – Ecological Management Plan.
- 2) Plincke Drawing 0220-101 revision C01 – General Arrangement Plan.
- 3) Plincke Drawing 0220-302 revision C01 – Mark-up.
- 4) Sports Block – South Elevation.
- 5) Dusk and Dawn Bat Survey

**3) Proposal**

As part of their works Thomson Ecology prepared an Ecological Management Plan (EPM) for Wates Construction (document 1) attached).

The EPM propose measures in the following sections:

- a) Amenity grassland
- b) Shrub and hedge planting
- c) Tree planting
- d) Green roof
- e) Insect boxes
- f) Bird boxes and
- g) Bat boxes.

Items a), b) and c) are covered in the soft landscaping drawings and details submitted and accepted as part of the original Planning application. Details of the green roof, item d), have been submitted and approved as Planning condition 13.

This submission focuses on the remaining 3 items identified: insects, birds and bats.

It is proposed that these items are located on or near the Sports Hall (area indicated on General Arrangement Plan – document2)). This is a quieter area – away from the main activities of the school. The area between the Sports Hall and the school boundary wall is fenced off. So access can be controlled and limited.

The report recommends the provision of at least 2 insect boxes, 2 different types of bird boxes and 1 bat box.

**e) Insect Boxes.**

Section 2.5 of the Ecology Report states “they should ideally be fixed to a tree trunk or fence post which catches the sun in the morning, however generally it needs to be placed in a cool and dark place away from predators”.

We propose to install two Insect boxes as supplied by The Nestbox Company ([www.nestbox.co.uk/products/bug-hotel](http://www.nestbox.co.uk/products/bug-hotel)).



The locations for both insect boxes are shown on the marked-up version of drawing 0220-302 (document 3) attached).

#### f) Bird Boxes

Section 2.6 of the Ecology Report states two different types of boxes are installed. A Sparrow Terrace such as the 1SP Schwegler box as supplied by Natural History Book Service ([www.nhbs.com](http://www.nhbs.com)). Reference Bird Box 1.



And another supplied by The Nest Box Company ([www.nestbox.co.uk/products/swift-nest-box](http://www.nestbox.co.uk/products/swift-nest-box)) with 25mm entry hole. Reference Bird Box 2.

The intended location of these boxes is shown on the mark-up drawing – document 3) and also on the Sports Hall South Elevation – document 4).

**g) Bat Box.**

It is proposed that we install a bat box as supplied by The Nestbox Company ([www.nestbox.co.uk/products/roost-maternity-bat-box](http://www.nestbox.co.uk/products/roost-maternity-bat-box)). The location is shown on the marked-up version of drawing 0220-302 (document 3) attached).



#### 4) Additional Information

Following the issue of the Ecology Management Plan Thomson have also carried out a Dusk Emergence and Dawn Return to Roost Survey (document 5) attached). This details the results of 3 Dusk & Dawn bat surveys. This identifies very low activity and does not propose any additional mitigation measures. It does, however, draw attention to the need for a European Protected Species Licence (EPSL) to be granted prior to the demolition of the existing building. We have started the license application process.

The Ecological Management Plan does include maintenance requirements for the measures provided. These will be passed on to the Sustainability Champion at the School.