



Planning Department
Maidstone Borough Council
King Street
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Our ref: JP/15917

14/03/2022

Dear Sir/Madam,

APPLICATION TO DISCHARGE PLANNING CONDITIONS RELATING TO PLANNING PERMISSION 21/505889/FULL - MAIDSTONE HOSPITAL, HERMITAGE LANE, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME16 9QQ

This letter accompanies an application to discharge a pre-commencement planning condition relating to planning permission 21/505889/FULL for the erection of first floor extension to provide for relocated Incident Co-Ordination Centre at Maidstone Hospital.

This letter summarises the details submitted to address the conditions sought to be discharged. The application has been submitted via the Planning Portal and the statutory fee of £116 has been provided separately. The condition addressed by this application is 4 - relating to Ecology and Biodiversity.

Condition 4 – Ecology and Biodiversity – Ecological Enhancement Strategy

The condition states that:

The development hereby approved shall not commence above slab level until details for a scheme for the enhancement of biodiversity on the site shall have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The scheme shall consist of the enhancement of biodiversity through integrated methods into the design and appearance of the extension by means such as swift bricks, bat tube or bricks. The development shall be implemented in accordance with the approved details and all features shall be maintained thereafter.

Reason: To protect and enhance the ecology and biodiversity on the site in the future.

An ecological enhancement strategy report has been prepared by PJC Consultants in accordance with the condition, outlining all mitigation, compensation and enhancement measures proposed as part of the proposed development. The enhancement measures detailed in the report include wildflower planting and the incorporation of bat and bird boxes.

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I trust the application is complete in all respects and look forward to confirmation of its validation in due course. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries.

Yours faithfully

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