

MEMORANDUM

From:	Louise Aparo Ecology Officer		
Service	WBC Ecology	App No:	252569
Address:	Land North Of Sheepbridge Court Farm, Basingstoke Road, Swallowfield, RG7 1PT.		
Proposal:	Application for submission of details to comply with the following condition of planning consent 232653 dated 27/03/2025. Condition 15. Protection of Trees. 17. Landscape and Ecological Management Plan.		
Type of Development:			
Site Visit Made:	Yes/ No		

Summary Of Recommendations

- ☐ No comment
- ☐ No objection
- ☐ No objection subject to conditions (and reasons) **stated below**
- ☒ **Request further information before determination as stated below**
- ☐ Objection due to the reason(s) **stated below**

Comments On Proposal

The Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (LEMP) prepared for Condition 17 and 18, October 2025 by Greentech was reviewed to discharge condition 17.

The LEMP provides detailed prescriptions for hedgerow planting, grassland management and precautionary mitigation measures. My only comment is that the section on vegetation removal should be more concise and explicitly include ground preparation within Table 2 – Perceptions for Ecological Enhancement.

Chapter 4 (Planting Specification) notes that cultivation will be required for grassland sowing. Cultivation must be undertaken outside the bird-nesting season—particularly due to the presence of ground-nesting species—or carried out under the supervision of an Ecological Clerk of Works (ECow).

It should be made explicit that vegetation removal includes the cultivation of bare earth, as this activity—even though vegetation is not physically removed—can still negatively impact wildlife.

The LEMP will need a minor revision to include the above specification to ensure any cultivation works are undertaken outside of bird nesting season or with an

ECoW presence. Once this revision has been made, the LEMP will be suitable to discharge condition 17.

Conditions & Reasons (if required)

Date:	22/01/26	Signed:	L.Aparo
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