

Folkestone Hythe District Council
Development Control
Civic Centre Castle Hill Avenue
Folkestone
Kent
CT20 2QY

Our ref: KT/2021/128489/01-L01
Your ref: Y17/1042/SH
Date: 24 June 2021

Dear Sir/Madam

Approval of details pursuant to conditions 15 (preliminary ecological appraisal), 16 (ecological method statement) and 17 (habitat creation plan) of planning application Y17/1042/SH (Hybrid application accompanied by an environmental statement for the development of land at princes parade)

Princes Parade Promenade, Princes Parade, Hythe, Kent

Thank you for consulting us on the above.

The conditions detailed do not align with the those recommended by us, so it is difficult for us to recommend discharge of these conditions. However the content of the report seems appropriate to the conditions applied and covers elements of all 3 biodiversity related conditions we did recommend be included our response to original application consultation.

Once sufficient information is submitted to discharge conditions 26 (CEMP) and 47 (LMP) it is likely that the outstanding information to fulfil our recommended biodiversity conditions will have been submitted.

Proposed management of invasive non-native species (INNS).

Although measures for the eradication of INNS found on site have been specified, it is disappointing that there is no mention of biosecurity measures such as check, clean, dry. These measures are required to reduce the risk of the spread of INNS from the site or the introduction of INNS to the site. This is particularly important as the species present on site is giant hogweed which produces many seeds and is easily spread without good biosecurity measures. It may be that it would be appropriate to have these measures included in the information to discharge condition 26 (CEMP).

Yours faithfully

**Ms Jennifer Wilson
Planning Specialist**

Direct e-mail [REDACTED]