

APPENDIX 9

HABITAT MANAGEMENT PLAN HEADS OF TERMS

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The Client will commission a suitably qualified ecologist to prepare a Habitat Management Plan (HMP) to the following specification. The HMP will be prepared and completed before development works commence. This will cover at least a 15-year period.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To include a summary of existing conditions and actions to be completed.

1. General Information

To include:

- *Confirmation of the location of the site including a definitive red line site boundary for planned habitat creation and management works;*
- *Confirmation of land tenure and management structure, roles and responsibilities during development and into the future;*
- *Details of existing environmental conditions, clearly detailing retained habitats and habitats which will be impacted and altered;*
- *Details of priority and target species for the site based on baseline survey information (including common lizard, hedgehog, bat and bird species); and*
- *Information regarding access and cultural considerations e.g. location of public footpaths and an assessment of potential implications for habitat management e.g. public safety.*

2. Evaluation of Features

- *Details of proposed landscape layout showing retained and created habitats;*
- *Details of nearby designations and adjacent habitats; and*
- *List of objectives, priorities and targets for the site including habitat creation to meet LDP policies EN6 and EN7 and with reference to S7 priority habitats and species.*

3. Management Objectives

- *Consideration of factors influencing management including legislation, natural processes (e.g. succession) and constraints (including public health and safety);*
- *Management prescriptions for a ten year period to meet objectives set out in Section 2 to include creation and management of woodland, mosaic and grassland habitats, species-specific habitat creation and management measures including reptile refugia/hibernacula creation, bat and bird box specifications and locations, hedgehog boxes and locations and management prescriptions to benefit wildlife; and*
- *Monitoring protocols including triggers for remedial measures and a timetable for revision of the plan.*

4. Programme of Works

- *A table summarising management prescriptions over a ten-year period which will form the basis of an instruction to contractors to deliver the management works;*
- *Seasonal timing to be included; and*
- *Roles and responsibilities to be included.*

Appendices