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Application Ref: 72870/APP/2017/1861

High Speed Rail (London - West Midlands) - Schedule 17 - Planning Work

The Council of the London Borough of Hillingdon as the Local Planning Authority within the meaning of the above Act and associated Orders **APPROVAL:**

Description of development:

Plans and Specifications submission under Schedule 17 of the High Speed Rail (London - West Midlands) Act 2017 for earthworks to create 4 no. ponds, associated earthworks and hibernacula

Location of development: Merck Sharpe Dohme (Msd) Site Off, Breakspear Road South, Harefield, UB9 6LS

Date of application: 12th May 2017

Plan numbers: See attached Schedule of Plans.

Permission is subject to the Informative (s) listed on the attached schedule:

Yours faithfully

James Rodger
Head of Planning and Enforcement

Date: 17th July 2017

SCHEDULE OF CONDITIONS

INFORMATIVES

1. Local Traffic Management Plan

The Council has concerns about the proposed access for construction traffic to the development site. The works will be undertaken from an existing access of Breakspear Road South immediately north of the Chiltern Railway overbridge. The height restriction on this bridge requires taller vehicles to utilise the centre of the carriageway and combined with the change in speed limits increases the risk of accidents from additional use of the access route for construction traffic.

The earthworks are required to be constructed in accordance with the approved Environmental Minimum Requirements (EMR) as defined by the HS2 Act. The EMRs are made up of a suite of documents including the Code of Construction Practice (COCP) which are binding on HS2 Ltd and its contractors. The COCP states: 'Prior to the commencement of the works, the nominated undertaker will require that local traffic management plans (LTMPs) will be produced in consultation with the highway and traffic authorities, the emergency services and other relevant key stakeholders.'

No earthworks are to commence until an appropriate LTMP is produced by HS2 Ltd. The Council requires HS2 Ltd to set out suitable proposals and arrangements as part of the LTMP process to satisfy it that safe access and egress from the works site can be maintained at all times by construction vehicles.

2. Site Specific Planting

The Council does not consider the details relating to landscaping, ecological planting and site restoration are adequate as presented.

The information submitted is not adequate to fully understand what HS2 Ltd is trying to deliver by way of landscaping or restoration. The restoration package needs to be far more detailed prior to the Council confirming the approach is adequate. The details should include but not be limited to:

- Pond lining (puddled clay preferred)
- Soft landscape proposals include schedules, specifications and appropriate planting plans
- Management and Maintenance plans and schedules
- Hard Landscape details (fences, gates, tracks and ancillary works)
- Long term access arrangements for maintenance
- Site security measures
- Ecological enhancement plan showing the interaction of the site with the surrounding area
- Detailed proposals for land ownership and responsibilities
- Detailed information on how the pond will be filled and levels maintained

3. Site Wider Restoration and Mitigation

The Council is concerned and disappointed at the lack of vision for the wider area in which these proposals sit. HS2 will have a significant impact with construction activities of various scales and durations over a vast area, all of which will need to be restored.

The proposals presented as part of this Schedule 17 submission are isolated to one element of the wider mitigation of HS2. The Council understands this approach is being adopted for at least three other similar proposals soon to be submitted.

Designing each proposal in isolation removes the prospect of a greater vision and will only deliver pockets of ecological mitigation, many of which may end up being fenced and gated with no public access. In turn, it is not clear that HS2 Ltd can deliver a comprehensive package, particularly since the details emerging are greatly different from those presented in the environmental statement.

The Council requires a far greater vision and this needs to be set out through a restoration masterplan that delivers the necessary ecological mitigation, but also integrates community and public benefits in a comprehensive and aligned manner.

The Council expects a marked change in approach to restoration.

END OF SCHEDULE

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SCHEDULE OF PLANS

1D030-EDP-EV-DPP-SS05_SL07-940110 Rev P02.	received	12-05-2017
1D030-EDP-EV-DPP-SS05_SL07-940102 Rev P02.	received	12-05-2017
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1D030-EDP-EV-DPP-SS05_SL07-940112 Rev P02.	received	12-05-2017
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