Amendment Sheet 29 November 2023

Item 1: - South Bristol Crematorium And Cemetery Bridgwater Road Bristol BS13 7AS

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2	Since the committee report was written there have been a further 8 objections received to the application. This includes further comments from the Lance Trust and from Bristol Tree Forum.
	In large part, the comments replicate those in the original report, and the concerns are addressed therein.
	With regards to the comments from the Lance Trust, they have submitted some data from their own ecological surveys of the area. This has been reviewed by the Council's ecologist, and it is noted that this does identify species that have not previously been identified in the area (although not on the development site). On this basis Officers have reviewed the conditions with the Council's ecologist to ensure the potential for the additional species is accounted for. As such an update to the conditions is recommended below.
	Bristol Tree Forum have submitted in a site survey undertaken in 2020, which was undertaken by the Council, and shared with the Tree Forum as part of the pre-application engagement.
	The applicant has stated that this survey was supplemented by further surveys carried out over 2022, and the decision should be made on the basis of the most up to date survey information.
	In response, the Tree Forum have commented that if there is more up to date information it should be publicly disclosed.
	However, Bristol City Council do not disclose information that may lead to the identification of the location of protected species publicly, although this information is made available to those assessing the application. Officers can confirm that the latest surveys were made available to the Council's ecologist, and their response is based on this information.
16	Recommended Conditions
	The applicant has recently submitted a Phase 1 Desk Study relating to site contamination. At the time of writing the Council's Contaminated Land Officer has not had the opportunity to review this, but this may result in amendments being made to conditions 6, 7 and 8 as listed in the original report. As such, Officers are requesting delegated authority to finalise these conditions, should Members accept the report's recommendations.
	In addition, a slight amendment to condition 5, to include an additional clause – listed in bold below, and an additional conditional related to protected species are recommended:
	5. Construction Environmental Management Plan (Biodiversity)
	No development shall take place on each phase of development (including ground works, vegetation clearance) until a construction environmental management plan (CEMP: Biodiversity) for the relevant phase has been submitted to and approved in writing by the

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local planning authority. The CEMP (Biodiversity) shall include the following, where relevant:

- a. Risk assessment of potentially damaging construction activities;
- b. Identification of "biodiversity protection zones";
- c. Practical measures (both physical measures and sensitive working practices) to avoid or reduce impacts during construction (may be provided as a set of method statements):
- d. The location and timing of sensitive works to avoid harm to biodiversity features;
- e. The times during construction when specialist ecologists need to be present on site to oversee works;
- f. Responsible persons and lines of communication;
- g. The role and responsibilities on site of an ecological clerk of works (ECoW) or similarly competent person;
- h. Use of protective fences, exclusion barriers and warning signs;
- i. A summary excerpt that can be placed on notice boards within welfare units and easily read and understood within site induction packs.
- j. Details of any temporary lighting, including light spill from the location of the works.
- k. Arrangements for the reuse, movement and disposal of excavated soils.

The approved CEMP shall be adhered to and implemented throughout the construction period strictly in accordance with the approved details, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the local planning authority.

Reason: In the interests of the retention of the ecological value of the site and to protect species and habitats.

Additional Condition

Precautionary Method of Working (PMW)

Prior to the commencement of development hereby approved, including all site clearance and vegetation removal, a method statement for a Precautionary Method of Working (PMW) with respect to Dormice shall be prepared by a suitably qualified ecological consultant and submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. This shall include measures to prevent offences against this legally protected species by carrying out nut searches and checking for nests in habitat before removal occurs. If a Dormouse nest is found, all works must stop and Natural England must be consulted to confirm next steps, and this reported to the Local Planning Authority.

The development shall be carried out in full accordance with the approved method statement.

Reason: To ensure the protection of legally protected and priority (Section 41) species which are a material planning consideration. And to demonstrate compliance with the 1981 Wildlife & Countryside Act (as amended) and the 2017 Habitats Regulations.