## Lotmead, Swindon

## PINS REF. APP/U3935/W/24/3337172

## **Proposed Condition Rewording Table**

Original Permission Condition Wording	Appellant's Proposed Wording	Council's Proposed Wording	Condition Wording (Where Agreed)	Commentary (Where Unagreed)
9. Phasing Details	9. Phasing Details	As per original.	-	Appellant's Commentary: Only change
				proposed is to insert plans for approval as
Prior to the submission of each reserved	For Phase 1, development shall be carried			part of Phase 1 to ensure that this condition
matters application, a phasing programme	out in accordance with the approved			does not need to be discharged for that
and plan shall be submitted to and	phasing and timetables set out in the			Phase should the Appeal be allowed. The
approved in writing by the local planning	following:			material listed is the same as has already
authority to show how the development				been approved by the Council pursuant to
shall be implemented in phases or sub	0767-1004 Revision D received 23rd			the Outline Permission, save for updates
phases. The phasing programme shall	August 2022 Overarching;			associated to the Revised FRA Addendum
include the following elements:	0767-1002 Revision D received 3rd			and associated drainage. The principle
_	November 2022 Strategic foul and			remains the same for Phase 2 onward.
a) The development parcels.	drainage infrastructure;			
b) Major distributor roads/routes within	0767-1001 Revision D received 11th			Council Commentary:
the site, including a defined hierarchy	August 2022 Movement;			Phasing details were approved under
of the road network, the timing of	0767-1000 Revision C received 11th			application reference : S/COND/22/0411
provision and opening of access	August 2022 Spine road and housing			submitted in relation to the original outline
points into the site.	parcels; and			planning permission ref: S/OUT/19/0582.
c) Phased access strategy delivery and	0767-1003 Revision C received 11th			The consented flood risk addendum and
associated phased housing delivery.	August 2022 Green infrastructure			approved Illustrative Masterplan approved
d) Pedestrian / cycle connectivity and	7.00,000 = 0.000			as part of the outline planning permission
public transport to committed and	Prior to the submission of each reserved			set the baseline for the drainage strategy for
emerging parcels of development	matters application, relating to Phase 2			the site. The requirements/constraints that
within the New Eastern Villages.	onward, a phasing programme and plan			this proposed drainage system generates
e) Alterations to public transport routes	shall be submitted to and approved in			were incorporated in to the illustrative
to accommodate the defined phases	writing by the local planning authority to			masterplan and parameter plans that form
of development within the site.	show how the development shall be			part of the approved drawings of the same
f) Local centres and community facilities,	implemented in phases or sub phases. The			outline planning permission as well as the
including car share space provision.	phasing programme shall include the			Strategic Design Code that provided the
g) The safeguarded route for the canal.	following elements:			wider vision for the site. The previously
h) Strategic foul and surface water				approved phasing details, which involved a
features and sustainable drainage	a) The development parcels.			large number of elements in the
systems.	b) Major distributor roads/routes			programme were considered and assessed
i) Strategic landscaping, recreation and	within the site, including a defined			in the context of the above. These
open space.	hierarchy of the road network, the			elements, in particular as mentioned in h)
	timing of provision and opening of			and i) therefore all need to be considered
The development shall be carried out in	access points into the site.			again in the context of the fundamentally
accordance with the approved phasing and	c) Phased access strategy delivery and			changed drainage strategy to ensure a
timetable.	associated phased housing delivery.			comprehensive approach to the
	d) Pedestrian / cycle connectivity and			development and good place making.
Reason: To ensure the coordination and	public transport to committed and			
delivery of infrastructure provision for the	emerging parcels of development			
new community. In accord with Policies IN1	within the New Eastern Villages.			
and NC3 of the Swindon Borough Local Plan				
2026.				

	e) Alterations to public transport			
	routes to accommodate the defined			
	phases of development within the			
	site.			
	f) Local centres and community			
	facilities, including car share space			
	provision.			
	g) The safeguarded route for the canal.			
	h) Strategic foul and surface water			
	features and sustainable drainage			
	systems.			
	i) Strategic landscaping, recreation and			
	open space.			
	The development shall be carried out in			
	accordance with the approved phasing and			
	timetable.			
	Reason: To ensure the coordination and			
	delivery of infrastructure provision for the			
	new community. In accord with Policies IN1			
	and NC3 of the Swindon Borough Local Plan			
	2026.			
10. Character Area Design Code	10. Character Area Design Code	As per original.		Appellant's Commentary: The first
				proposed change is to insert for approval a
A Design Code relating to each Character	For Phase 1, development shall be carried			Design Code for Phase 1 to ensure that this
Area, as defined in the Strategic Design	out in accordance with the approved			condition does not need to be redischarged
Code, shall be submitted to and be	Wanborough Green Character Area Design			for Phase 1 if the Appeal is allowed. The
approved in writing by the local planning	Code dated March 2024.			material in the Design Code is the same as
authority prior to the submission of the first				has previously been approved by the LPA
reserved matters application within the	A Design Code relating to each Character			pursuant to the original condition, save for
Character Area. Each Design Code shall be in				changes associated to the Revised FRA
accordance with the approved Strategic	in the Strategic Design Code, shall be			Addendum and associated drainage. The
Design Code (Design and Access Statement,	submitted to and be approved in writing by			Council pointed out a discrepancy in the
Chapter 7 'Strategic Design Code', document	the local planning authority prior to the			content of this document within their
reference: PL1461.1-ID-001-05; received on	submission of the first reserved matters			Statement of Case. As such an updated
29 <sup>th</sup> April 2020) and shall include detailed	application within the Character Area. Each			version of the document (March 2024, Rev.
guidance for the Character Area in respect	Design Code shall be in accordance with the			H) is now proposed for approval that
of:	approved Strategic Design Code (Design and			remedies this.
The overall vision, mix of uses and	Access Statement, Chapter 7 'Strategic			
character of the parcel of	Design Code', document reference:			Additional commentary has also been
development;	PL1461.1-ID-001-05; received on 29th April			inserted following the submission of the
How the character and identity of	2020) with the exception of SuDS and			appeal to ensure that the Strategic Design
the development parcel will be	drainage matters which shall follow the			Code should be read in the context of the
established and strengthened	principles established by the Revised Flood			Revised FRA Addendum and Strategic Site
through consideration of the public	Risk Assessment Addendum (reference			Wide Surface Water Drainage Strategy.
realm, streets and open spaces,	22006-HYD-P0-XX-RP-C-0006, dated			
green infrastructure, retained and	01/03/2023 and prepared by Hydrock) and			Council Commentary:
proposed planting, open spaces and	Strategic Site Wide Surface Water Drainage			To ensure a collective vision for the site in
play areas;	Strategy (ref. 22006-HYD-P0-XX-DR-C-2220	1	1	accordance with National and Local

- The approach to public art throughout the scheme and in individual character areas
- The form of the character area, with reference to densities, block types, building types, building heights, ground levels, the palette of materials, recycling and waste management, street furniture, principles of inclusive design and Secure by Design;
- The hierarchy, typology and treatments of all elements of the movement network:
- Principles of traffic management, parking provision and servicing to all properties;
- The means of achieving direct, safe and accessible connectivity to the rest of the NEV development and in particular to the facilities and services of existing and proposed local and district centres; and
- Noise attenuation measures.

Each reserved matters application shall be accompanied by a checklist to demonstrate how the development accords with the relevant approved Character Area Design Code.

Reason: To ensure a holistic approach to coordinate and deliver high quality design in accordance with Policies DE1 and Policy NC3 of the Swindon Borough Local Plan 2026. Revision P07). Character Area Design Codes shall include detailed guidance for the Character Area in respect of:

- The overall vision, mix of uses and character of the parcel of development;
- How the character and identity of the development parcel will be established and strengthened through consideration of the public realm, streets and open spaces, green infrastructure, retained and proposed planting, open spaces and play areas;
- The approach to public art throughout the scheme and in individual character areas;
- The form of the character area, with reference to densities, block types, building types, building heights, ground levels, the palette of materials, recycling and waste management, street furniture, principles of inclusive design and Secure by Design;
- The hierarchy, typology and treatments of all elements of the movement network:
- Principles of traffic management, parking provision and servicing to all properties;
- The means of achieving direct, safe and accessible connectivity to the rest of the NEV development and in particular to the facilities and services of existing and proposed local and district centres; and
- Noise attenuation measures.

Each reserved matters application shall be accompanied by a checklist to demonstrate how the development accords with the relevant approved Character Area Design Code or any updated Character Area Design Code which may be subsequently approved.

Reason: To ensure a holistic approach to coordinate and deliver high quality design in accordance with Policies DE1 and Policy NC3 of the Swindon Borough Local Plan 2026. Guidance the original outline planning permission was subject to a Strategic Design Code (SDC). This cohesive vision for the site would be carried through all the stages of development. The Character Area Codes then were secondary guides to inform the development that sat beneath the SDC and were required to accord with the overarching Strategic guides. The fundamentally revised drainage strategy needs to be considered as a part of a new

The fundamentally revised drainage strategy needs to be considered as a part of a new SDC with new Character Area Design Codes then informing the details of the development in interests of ensuring cohesive approach to design and good place making.

Simply suggesting wording that the development should not adhere to certain parts of the SDC , then cutting out sections from the Character Area Design Code that don't align with your proposal is an unacceptable design approach.

# 11. Landscape, Ecology and Arboricultural Management Plan(s)

Reserved matters applications for each phase or sub phase of development shall be accompanied by a Landscape, Ecology and Arboricultural Management Plan (LEAMP [or equivalent]). The LEAMP shall be informed by the Ecological Mitigation and Management Framework (EMMF) and Phase 2 surveys, which shall be updated if they are over 2 years old if updated information is deemed to be necessary by the local planning authority. The LEAMP shall include details of the retention of any species receptor sites identified by the Phase 2 surveys for the site. The LEAMP shall also include details of long term objectives, extent and type of new planting, details of any new habitat created on site, management responsibilities and maintenance schedules for all landscaped and habitat areas (except privately owned domestic gardens). No development on each phase or sub phase shall commence until the LEAMP for that phase or sub phase has been approved in writing by the local planning authority.

Thereafter development on each phase or sub phase shall be progressed in accordance with the approved LEAMP. No development, works or other activities to the identified receptor sites shall be progressed other than in accordance with the works for ecological enhancement and management as set out in the approved LEAMP. The approved management and maintenance schedules shall be adhered to at all times.

Reason: To protect wildlife and supporting habitats and to secure opportunities for biodiversity enhancement. In accord with Policies EN1, EN4, EN5 and NC3 of the Swindon Borough Local Plan 2026.

As per original.

Reserved matters applications for each phase of development shall be accompanied by a Landscape, **Ecology and Arboricultural** Management Plan (LEAMP [or equivalent]). The LEAMP shall be informed by the Ecological Mitigation and Management Framework (EMMF) and updated ecological surveys, which shall be updated if they are over 2 years old if updated information is deemed to be necessary by the local planning authority. The LEAMP shall include details of the retention of any species receptor sites to secure the favourable conservation status of all protected species identified by the ecological surveys for the site. The LEAMP shall also include details of long term objectives, extent and type of new planting, details of any new habitat created on site, management responsibilities and maintenance schedules for all landscaped and habitat areas (except privately owned domestic gardens). The LEAMP shall be supported by the Statutory Biodiversity Metric in Excel and habitat map or maps of the Site created using the UK Habitats Classification, and as a Shapefile (their equivalent at the time) and as a PDF. Each LEAMP shall include a cumulative assessment demonstrating how biodiversity net gain is being achieved for the site as a whole. No development on each phase shall commence until the LEAMP for that phase has been approved in writing by the local planning authority.

Appellant's Commentary: This condition was not in the scope of changes proposed by the Appellant and the LPA have offered no comprehensive explanation as to why this change is necessary. In the absence of this information the Appellant's position is that this condition should remain unchanged.

The Council's proposed wording lacks precision and is a worse version of the original.

However, if the Inspector is minded to support changes proposed by the LPA, we highlight two points:

- The LPA's proposed rewording which begins "The LEAMP shall include details of...." does not make sense.
- In reference to recepton sites for protected species, the following wording would be suggested: "All protected species receptor sites should be included within the specific phase LEAMP document with species specific management and monitoring regimes for the lifetime of the development."
- 30 years is the standard timeframe for BNG therefore maintenance "in perpetuity" is not reasonable.

### **Council Commentary:**

The revised wording provides greater clarity around process and details of submission, including the addressing of BNG.

Thereafter development on each phase shall be progressed in accordance with the approved

		LEAMP. No development, works or other activities to the identified receptor sites shall be progressed other than in accordance with the works for ecological enhancement and management as set out in the approved LEAMP. The approved management and maintenance schedules shall be adhered to at all times.  Reason: To protect wildlife and supporting habitats and to secure opportunities for biodiversity enhancement. In accord with Policies EN1, EN4, EN5 and NC3 of the Swindon Borough Local Plan 2026.		
12. Access from A420 Habitat Surveys	-	-	12. Access from A420 Habitat Surveys	Appellant's Commentary: This condition
Prior to the submission of any reserved			Prior to the submission of any reserved	was not in the scope of changes proposed by the Appellant and the LPA have offered
matters application that includes access			matters application that includes access	no comprehensive explanation as to why
from the A420, Phase 2 surveys of the areas			from the A420, ecological surveys of the	this change is necessary.
identified and labelled as "Areas where			areas identified and labelled as "Areas	,
there is uncertainty over habitats present			where there is uncertainty over habitats	Nevertheless, the Appellant does not object
(desk based assessment only)" on Plan EDP			present (desk based assessment only)" on	to the changes proposed.
12.4 Extended Phase 1 survey Results -			Plan EDP 12.4 Extended Phase 1 survey	
Masterplan Application Site (ES Figure 12.4)			Results – Masterplan Application Site (ES	Council Commentary: To provide greater
shall be undertaken by a suitably qualified			Figure 12.4) shall be undertaken by a	clarity regarding process and details of
ecologist. Once undertaken, and prior to the			suitably qualified ecologist and submitted to	submission. It is noted that the Appellant
commencement of any development within			the Local Planning Authority for approval in	does not object to the changed wording.
a phase or sub phase containing the			writing. Surveys are to be less than two	
surveyed areas, the results (i) shall be			years old at time of submission. The report	
submitted to and approved in writing by the			is to include details of any ecological	
local planning authority, and (ii) the results			mitigation necessary and to meet the	
and proposed measures for mitigation shall			standard required for any protected species	
be incorporated into a Landscape, Ecology			licensing necessary Once undertaken, and	
and Arboricultural Management Plan			prior to the commencement of any	
(LEAMP) for submission and approval in			development within a phase containing the	
writing by the local planning authority in			surveyed areas, the results (i) shall be	
accordance with condition 17 above. All			submitted to and approved in writing by the	
works shall be carried in accordance with			local planning authority, and (ii) the results	
the measures for mitigation and			and proposed measures for mitigation shall be incorporated into a Landscape, Ecology	
management contained within the approved LEAMP.			and Arboricultural Management Plan	
approved LLAIVIF.			(LEAMP) for submission and approval in	
Reason: To ensure that updated surveys are			writing by the local planning authority in	
provided to inform the protection of wildlife			accordance with condition 11 above. All	
and supporting habitats and to secure			works shall be carried in accordance with	
opportunities for biodiversity enhancement.			the measures for mitigation and	

In accord with Policies EN4 and NC3 of the			management contained within the	
Swindon Borough Local Plan 2026.			approved LEAMP.	
Swilldon Borough Local Flan 2020.			approved LEAIVIP.	
			December To a manufacture that conducted accompany and	
			Reason: To ensure that updated surveys are	
			provided to inform the protection of wildlife	
			and supporting habitats . In accord with	
			Policies EN4 and NC3 of the Swindon	
			Borough Local Plan 2026 and the	
			Environment Act.	
13. Access from A420 Arboricultural Survey	-	-	13. Access from A420 Arboricultural Survey	Appellant's Commentary: This condition
•			•	was not in the scope of changes proposed
Prior to the submission of any reserved			Prior to the submission of any reserved	by the Appellant.
matters application that includes access			matters application that includes access	,
from the A420, an Arboricultural Impact			from the A420, an Arboricultural Impact	Nevertheless, the Appellant does not object
Assessment shall have been submitted to			Assessment shall have been submitted to	to the changes proposed.
and approved in writing by the local			and approved in writing by the local	
planning authority. The Arboricultural			planning authority. The Arboricultural	Council Commentary:
Impact Assessment shall include: the			Impact Assessment shall include: the	It is considered that there may be
location, species, girth or stem diameter,			location, species, girth or stem diameter,	veteran/ancient trees on site.
accurately planned crown spread and			accurately planned crown spread and	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
reference number of all trees on and			reference number of all trees on and	
adjoining the site with a stem diameter of			adjoining the site with a stem diameter of	
100 mm or greater; a tree condition			100 mm or greater; a tree condition	
schedule with proposals for surgery or other			schedule with proposals for surgery or other	
arboricultural works, where applicable;			arboricultural works, where applicable;	
existing levels including where appropriate			existing levels including where appropriate	
sufficient detail to enable consideration of			sufficient detail to enable consideration of	
existing tree protection; details of existing			existing tree protection; identification of any	
hedgerows, hedges and other significant			veteran/ancient trees; details of existing	
areas of vegetation and a timetable of			hedgerows, hedges and other significant	
works.			areas of vegetation and a timetable of	
Within a period of five years of			works.	
commencement of development pursuant			Within a period of five years of	
to approval of any reserved matters			commencement of development pursuant	
involving access from the A420, any tree			to approval of any reserved matters	
identified for retention within the			involving access from the A420, any tree	
Arboricultural Impact Assessment which is			identified for retention within the	
removed, dies or becomes seriously			Arboricultural Impact Assessment which is	
damaged or diseased, shall be replaced			removed, dies or becomes seriously	
before the end of the next available planting			damaged or diseased, shall be replaced	
season with a species, details of which shall			before the end of the next available planting	
first have been submitted to and approved			season with a species, details of which shall	
in writing by the local planning authority.			first have been submitted to and approved	
			in writing by the local planning authority.	
Reason: To protect trees and hedgerows of				
amenity value. In accord with Policies EN1			Reason: To protect trees and hedgerows of	
and NC3 of the Swindon Borough Local Plan			amenity value. In accord with Policies EN1	
2026.			and NC3 of the Swindon Borough Local Plan	
			2026.	

14. Bat Survey	-	-	14. Bat survey	Appellant's Commentary: This condition
				was not in the scope of changes proposed
Buildings identified to have bat roost			Buildings identified to have bat roost	by the Appellant and the LPA have offered
potential shall not be demolished or			potential shall not be demolished or	no explanation as to why this change is
partially demolished or works undertaken to			partially demolished or works undertaken to	necessary.
existing buildings and trees on the site			existing buildings and trees on the site	
identified to have bat roost potential shall			identified to have bat roost potential shall	Nevertheless, the Appellant does not object
not be felled or reduced before an updated			not be felled or reduced before an updated	to the changes proposed.
survey has been undertaken to confirm			survey has been undertaken to confirm	
whether or not bats or bat roosts are			whether or not bats or bat roosts are	Council Commentary:
present within the building(s) to be			present within the building(s) to be	,
demolished or trees to be felled. If bats or			demolished or trees to be felled or reduced.	Changes are minor, but provide slightly
their roosts are found to be present bat			If bats or their roosts are found to be	more clarity than original wording. It is
mitigation measures shall be submitted to			present bat mitigation measures to enable	noted that the Appellant does not object
and approved in writing by the local			licensing by Natural England shall be	to the changed wording
planning authority. Such mitigation			submitted to and approved in writing by the	as the sharing
measures shall be carried out in accordance			local planning authority. Such mitigation	
with the approved details prior to the			measures shall be carried out in accordance	
demolition, partial demolition or tree			with the approved details prior to the	
works.			demolition, partial demolition or tree	
WOTKS.			works.	
Reason: To protect bats and their			WOTKS.	
supporting habitat. In accord with Policies			Reason: To protect bats and their	
EN4 and NC3 of the Swindon Borough Local			supporting habitat. In accord with Policies	
Plan 2026.			EN4 and NC3 of the Swindon Borough Local	
F1011 2020.			Plan 2026.	
			Pidii 2026.	
21. Highways England – Gablecross	-	-	Agreed condition can be deleted in full,	Shared commentary: Works have already
			however, it is suggested that, if the Appeal	taken place, therefore no need for condition
No more than 250 dwellings of the			is allowed, condition number remains with	to be retained.
development hereby permitted shall be			note to the effect of "condition removed" or	
occupied or brought into use unless either:			"no condition" to avoid any confusion with	Council Commentary
			subsequent condition wording. Example	The point is made again that a new planning
a) improvement works at the A420			included from a Bath & North East Somerset	permission would be created here and it
Gablecross roundabout, as shown in			Decision Notice below illustrating how this	would be incorrect to be put 'condition
drawing NEVGCJ-ATK-HGN-GCJ-DR-D-			functions:	removed' or 'no condition' on a new
0006_P06 (A420 Corridor and Gablecross				planning permission.
Junction Option 2A General Arrangement,			7 Contaminated Land - Investigation and Risk Asse	1 01:77
dated 26 April 2019), have been			The development shall be undertaken in accordance v	
implemented in full and are open to traffic;			and risk assessment and (Hydrock, Sulis Down (F Investigation, March 2021).	
			Reason: In order to ensure that the land is suitable t	
or			development can be carried out safely without unacce offsite receptors and in accordance with section 11 of the	
			8 No condition	
b) an alternative scheme providing the same			9 Contaminated Land - Verification Report (Pre-occ	
or greater benefit as a) has been submitted			No occupation shall commence until a verification repo	
to and approved in writing by Swindon			remediation carried out) has been submitted to and Authority, unless the findings of the approved investiga	
Borough Council in consultation with			remediation scheme is not required.	
Highways England and has been			Reason: In order to ensure that the land is suitable to development can be carried out safely without unacce	
implemented in full to ensure that the			offsite receptors and in accordance with section 11 of th	
predicted traffic effects at the A419 White				
predicted traine enects at the A+15 White			l	

Hart Junction caused by the development				
are mitigated to at least the same				
extent as (a).				
Reason: In the interest of the safe and				
efficient operation of the A419 trunk road				
and the A420 between White Hart junction				
and Gablecross junction.				
23. Highways England – M4 Junction 15	-	-	Agreed condition can be deleted in full,	Shared commentary: Works have already
Improvements			however, it is suggested that, if the Appeal	taken place, therefore no need for condition
			is allowed, condition number remains with	to be retained.
No more than 730 dwellings of the			note to the effect of "condition removed" or	
development hereby permitted shall be			"no condition" to avoid any confusion with	Council Commentary
occupied until:			subsequent condition wording. Example	The point is made again that a new planning
			included from a Bath & North East Somerset	permission would be created here and it
a) a contract for the construction of the			Decision Notice below illustrating how this	would be incorrect to be put 'condition
works for the improvement of Junction 15			functions:	removed' or 'no condition' on a new
of the M4 and the A419 has been let. The				planning permission.
works shall include:			7 Contaminated Land - Investigation and Risk Asse	
			The development shall be undertaken in accordance v	
i) A419 Commonhead southbound			and risk assessment and (Hydrock, Sulis Down (F Investigation, March 2021).	
merge to M4 Junction 15; a TD22			Reason: In order to ensure that the land is suitable t	
Type E Lane Gain; to provide 3 lanes			development can be carried out safely without unacce offsite receptors and in accordance with section 11 of the	
between Commonhead and Junction			8 No condition	
15;				
ii) the removal of the bus layby on the			9 Contaminated Land - Verification Report (Pre-occ No occupation shall commence until a verification repo	
A419 southbound carriageway on the			remediation carried out) has been submitted to and Authority, unless the findings of the approved investiga	
approach to M4 Junction 15;			remediation scheme is not required.	
iii) M4 Junction 15 roundabout -			Reason: In order to ensure that the land is suitable to	
widening of the circulatory on the			development can be carried out safely without unacce offsite receptors and in accordance with section 11 of the	
southern side between the off and on				
slips; and iv) M4 Junction 15 roundabout -				
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provision of a dedicated left slip from the A419 southbound to the				
eastbound on slip				
Or:				
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b) Details of an alternative scheme				
providing the same or greater benefit as a)				
in terms of offsetting the unacceptable				
impacts of the development has been				
submitted to and approved in writing by				
Swindon Borough Council (in consultation				
with Highways England) and a contract for				
the construction of the works for the				
alternative scheme has been let and the				
approved scheme completed in full. It is the				
responsibility of the developer to seek				

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confirmation at the appropriate time that				
the relevant contract has been let.				
Reason: In the interest of the safe and				
efficient operation of the A419 trunk road				
and M4 motorway.				
41. Environment Agency – Compliance	41. Environment Agency – Compliance	41. Environment Agency – Compliance with	-	Appellant's Commentary: Changes
with Flood Risk Assessment	with Flood Risk Assessment	Flood Risk Assessment		proposed are to reflect the insertion of the
				Revised FRA Addendum. Otherwise
The development shall be carried out in	The development shall be carried out in	The development shall be carried out in		condition remains as per original. Only
accordance with the submitted flood risk	accordance with the submitted flood risk	accordance with the submitted flood risk		difference between Appellant and Council
assessment (reference 27970/4003/001,	assessment (reference 27970/4003/001,	assessment (reference 27970/4003/001,		position is that the Council cite an out of
dated 8 March 2019 and prepared by Peter	dated 8 March 2019 and prepared by Peter	dated 8 March 2019 and prepared by Peter		date reference for the Revied FRA
Brett Associates) and the Addendum to	Brett Associates) and Revised Flood Risk	Brett Associates) and the Revised Flood Risk		Addendum within their proposed condition
March 2019 Flood Risk Assessment	Assessment Addendum (reference 22006-	Assessment Addendum ( reference; 22006 –		text, contrary to the commentary below.
(reference 27970/4003/TN001, dated 22	HYD-P0-XX-RP-C-0006, dated 01/03/2023	HYD -PO-XX-RP-C-0004, dated 01/03/2023		
August 2019 and prepared by Peter Brett	and prepared by Hydrock) and the following	and prepared by Hydrock ) and the		EA confirmed no objection in relation to
Associates) and the following mitigation	mitigation measures they detail:	following mitigation measures they detail:		Appellant's proposed wording.
measures they detail:	No built development located	No built development located		
,	within the post development 0.1%	within the post development 0.1%		
No built development located	AEP flood extent as shown in	AEP flood extent as shown in		Council Commentary:
within the post development 0.1%	drawing number 27970_016_MI013	drawing number 27970_016_MI013		Plans to be checked
AEP flood extent as shown in	(dated 13 April 2017 and prepared	(dated 13 April 2017 and prepared		Plans reference 22006-HYD-P0-XX-RP-C-
drawing number 27970_016_MI013	by Peter Brett Associates); and	by Peter Brett Associates).		0006 accepted as put forward by Appellant
(dated 13 April 2017 and prepared	<ul> <li>Finished floor levels shall be set no</li> </ul>	Finished floor levels shall be set no		, but should be dated 25 August 2023
by Peter Brett Associates); and	lower than 300mm above the 1%	lower than 300mm above the 1%		, sat should be dated in hagast into
Finished floor levels shall be set no	AEP level including an appropriate	AEP level including an appropriate		
lower than 300mm above the 1%				
	allowance for climate change.	allowance for climate change.		
AEP level including an appropriate	These mitigation recovers shall be fully	These witings an account shall be fully		
allowance for climate change.	These mitigation measures shall be fully	These mitigation measures shall be fully		
	implemented prior to occupation and	implemented prior to occupation and		
These mitigation measures shall be fully	subsequently in accordance with the	subsequently in accordance with the		
implemented prior to occupation and	scheme's timing/phasing arrangements. The	scheme's timing/phasing arrangements. The		
subsequently in accordance with the	measures detailed above shall be retained	measures detailed above shall be retained		
scheme's timing/phasing arrangements. The	and maintained thereafter throughout the	and maintained thereafter throughout the		
measures detailed above shall be retained	lifetime of the development.	lifetime of the development.		
and maintained thereafter throughout the				
lifetime of the development.	Reason: To reduce the risk of flooding to the	Reason: To reduce the risk of flooding to		
	proposed development and future	the proposed development and future		
Reason: To reduce the risk of flooding to the	occupants, in accordance with paragraph	occupants, in accordance with paragraph		
proposed development and future	173 of the National Planning Policy	173 of the National Planning Policy		
occupants, in accordance with paragraph	Framework (NPPF) and adopted policies	Framework (NPPF) and adopted policies		
163 of the National Planning Policy	EN6 and NC3 of the Swindon Borough Local	EN6 and NC3 of the Swindon Borough Local		
Framework (NPPF) and adopted policies	Plan 2026.	Plan 2026		
EN6 and NC3 of the Swindon Borough Local				
Plan 2026.				
42. Environment Agency – River Crossing	42. Environment Agency – River Crossing	42. Environment Agency – River crossing		Appellant's Commentary: Changes
Details	Details	details		proposed are to reflect the insertion of the
Details	Details	uetalis		Revised FRA Addendum. Otherwise
				nevised i na Addeliddii. Odlei Wise

Development within phases or sub phases that include a main river crossing, must not be commenced until such time as details and design of any main river crossings proposed within that phase or sub phase have been submitted to, and approved in writing, by the local planning authority. Details should demonstrate that the crossings shall not result in a loss of floodplain storage and include soffits raised a minimum of 600mm above the 1% annual exceedance probability (AEP) plus an appropriate allowance for climate change extent, in accordance with the Addendum to March 2019 Flood Risk Assessment (reference 27970/4003/TN001, dated 22 August 2019 and prepared by Peter Brett Associates). The watercourse crossings shall be clear span in design with abutments set back from the top of the bank. The crossings shall be fully implemented and subsequently maintained, in accordance with the scheme's timing/phasing arrangements, or within any other period as may subsequently be agreed, in writing, by the local planning authority.

Reason: To prevent increased risk of flooding by ensuring there are no detrimental impacts to flood storage or flood flow routes as a result of the crossings, in accordance with paragraph 163 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and adopted policies EN6 and NC3 of the Swindon Borough Local Plan 2026. Also to ensure that the works are not detrimental to the biodiversity of the watercourse, in accordance with paragraphs 170 and 175 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and adopted policies EN4 and NC3 of the Swindon Borough Local Plan 2026.

# 43. Environment Agency – River Corridor Survey

Where a phase of development is the first to propose an outfall into a main river (in accordance with Drainage Strategy plan ref: 27970/4005/001 Rev B, contained within the Addendum to March 2019 Flood Risk

Development within phases or sub phases that include a main river crossing, must not be commenced until such time as details and design of any main river crossings proposed within that phase or sub phase have been submitted to, and approved in writing, by the local planning authority. Details should demonstrate that the crossings shall not result in a loss of floodplain storage and include soffits raised a minimum of 600mm above the 1% annual exceedance probability (AEP) plus an appropriate allowance for climate change extent, in accordance with the Revised Flood Risk Assessment Addendum (reference 22006-HYD-P0-XX-RP-C-0006 , dated 01/03/2023 and prepared by Hydrock. The watercourse crossings shall be clear span in design with abutments set back from the top of the bank. The crossings shall be fully implemented and subsequently maintained, in accordance with the scheme's timing/phasing arrangements, or within any other period as may subsequently be agreed, in writing, by the local planning authority.

Reason: To prevent increased risk of flooding by ensuring there are no detrimental impacts to flood storage or flood flow routes as a result of the crossings, in accordance with paragraph 173 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and adopted policies EN6 and NC3 of the Swindon Borough Local Plan 2026. Also to ensure that the works are not detrimental to the biodiversity of the watercourse, in accordance with paragraphs 180 and 186 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and adopted policies EN4 and NC3 of the Swindon Borough Local Plan 2026.

## 43. Environment Agency – River Corridor Survey

Where a phase of development is the first to propose an outfall into a main river (in accordance with the Strategic Site Wide Surface Water Drainage Strategy ref: 22006-HYD-PO-XX-DR-C-2220 Revision P07, no

Development within phases that include a main river crossing, must not be commenced until such time as details and design of any main river crossings proposed have been submitted to, and approved in writing, by the local planning authority. Details should demonstrate that the crossings shall not result in a loss of floodplain storage and include soffits raised a minimum of 600mm above the 1% annual exceedance probability (AEP) plus an appropriate allowance for climate change extent, in accordance with the Revised Flood Risk Assessment Addendum (reference; 22006 - HYD -PO-XX-RP-C-0004, dated 01/03/2023 and prepared by Hydrock . The watercourse crossings shall be clear span in design with abutments set back from the top of the bank. The crossings shall be fully implemented and subsequently maintained, in accordance with the scheme's timing/phasing arrangements, or within any other period as may subsequently be agreed, in writing, by the local planning authority.

Reason: To prevent increased risk of flooding by ensuring there are no detrimental impacts to flood storage or flood flow routes as a result of the crossings, in accordance with paragraph 173 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and adopted policies EN6 and NC3 of the Swindon Borough Local Plan 2026. Also to ensure that the works are not detrimental to the biodiversity of the watercourse, in accordance with paragraphs 180 and 186 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and adopted policies EN4 and NC3 of the Swindon Borough Local Plan 2026.

## 43. Environment Agency – River corridor survey

Where a phase of development is the first to propose an outfall into a main river (in accordance with the Strategic Site Wide Water Drainage Strategy ref: 22006 – HYD – PO -XX – DR -C- 2220 Revision P04, no

condition remains as per original. Only difference between Appellant and Council position is that the Council cite an out of date reference for the Revised FRA Addendum, contrary to the commentary below.

EA confirmed no objection in relation to Appellant's proposed wording.

### Council Commentary:

Plans reference 22006-HYD-P0-XX-RP-C-0006 accepted , but received 25 August 2023

Appellant's Commentary: Changes proposed are to reflect the insertion of the updated Strategic Site Wide Surface Water Drainage Strategy. Otherwise condition remains as per original. Only difference between Appellant and Council position is that the Council cite an out of date reference for the Strategy within the

Assessment), no development shall take	development shall take place until a River	development shall take place until a River		condition wording, contrary to the
place until a River Corridor Survey (RCS) has	Corridor Survey (RCS) has been undertaken,	Corridor Survey (RCS) has been undertaken,		commentary below.
been undertaken, including	including recommendations for	including recommendations for		
recommendations for enhancement of the	enhancement of the watercourses where	enhancement of the watercourses where		EA confirmed no objection in relation to
watercourses where appropriate, has been	appropriate, has been submitted to, and	appropriate, has been submitted to, and		Appellant's proposed wording.
submitted to, and approved in writing, by	approved in writing, by the local planning	approved in writing, by the local planning		
the local planning authority. The survey	authority. The survey shall be holistic,	authority. The survey shall be holistic,		Council Commentary:
shall be holistic, covering all watercourses	covering all watercourses within the red line	covering all watercourses within the red		
within the red line boundary. The	boundary. The recommendations of the	line boundary. The recommendations of the		Strategic Site Wide Surface Water Drainage
recommendations of the survey shall be	survey shall be used to create a site wide	survey shall be used to create a site wide		Strategy ref: 22006-HYD-P0-XX-DR-C-2220
used to create a site wide watercourse	watercourse enhancement scheme which	watercourse enhancement scheme which		Revision P07 accepted
enhancement scheme which will be	will be incorporated into each phase or sub	will be incorporated into each phase of		
incorporated into each phase or sub phase	phase of development and implemented	development and implemented prior to		
of development and implemented prior to	prior to first occupation of any dwelling	occupation.		
first occupation of any dwelling within that	within that phase or sub phase.	·		
phase or sub phase.	·	Reason: Paragraphs 180 and 186 of the		
<u> </u>	Reason: Paragraphs 180 and 186 of the	National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)		
Reason: Paragraphs 170 and 175 of the	National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)	and adopted policies EN4 and NC3 of the		
National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)	and adopted policies EN4 and NC3 of the	Swindon Borough Local Plan 2026 seek for		
and adopted policies EN4 and NC3 of the	Swindon Borough Local Plan 2026 seek for	development to provide net gains for		
Swindon Borough Local Plan 2026 seek for	development to provide net gains for	biodiversity.		
development to provide net gains for	biodiversity.	Siodiversity.		
biodiversity.	Slouiversity.			
bloatversity.				
44. Environment Agency – Ecological buffer	-	-	As per original. No changes required.	Shared Commentary: Following further
zone				discussion, the Council has agreed that no
				edits to the original wording are required,
No development within any phase or sub				which is a position that is agreed by the
phase of development that is within 10				Appellant.
metres of the River Cole and its tributaries				
shall take place until a scheme for the				This was not part of the Appellant's
provision and management of at least a 10				proposed scope of changes.
metre wide ecological buffer zone alongside				proposed coops or enumber
the River Cole and its tributaries has been				
submitted to, and approved in writing by,				
the local planning authority. Thereafter the				
development shall be carried out in				
accordance with the approved scheme. Any				
subsequent variations shall be agreed in				
writing by the local planning authority, in				
which case the development shall be carried				
out in accordance with the amended				
scheme. The buffer zone scheme shall be				
free from built development including				
footpaths (with the exception of paths to				
allow formal watercourse crossings),				
lighting, domestic gardens, non-native				
species and formal landscaping; and could				
form a vital part of green infrastructure				
provision.				

The scheme shall include:				
<ul> <li>Confirmation of the timing of the</li> </ul>				
establishment of the ecological				
buffer zone				
<ul> <li>Plans to show the extent and layout</li> </ul>				
of the buffer zone				
<ul> <li>Details and locations of habitats to</li> </ul>				
be retained, removed and created				
Details of any proposed planting				
scheme (please note that this				
should include native species only)				
Details demonstrating how the				
buffer zone will be protected during				
development (e.g. Herras fencing)				
and managed/maintained over the				
longer term including adequate				
financial provision and named body				
responsible for management plus				
production of detailed management				
plan.				
<ul> <li>Details of any proposed footpaths</li> </ul>				
and permanent fencing				
Details of the long term				
management of the buffer should				
ensure that the biodiversity net gain				
is achieved and maintained in				
perpetuity.				
Reason: This condition should be informed				
by the results of the River Corridor Survey				
(see condition 43). Land alongside				
watercourses is particularly valuable for				
wildlife and it is essential this is protected.				
Development that encroaches on				
watercourse and their corridors has a				
potentially severe impact on their ecological				
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value, and land alongside watercourses is particularly valuable for wildlife and it is				
essential this is protected. River corridors				
are natural networks of linked habitat which				
allow species movement between suitable				
habitats and promote the expansion of				
biodiversity (as recognised in Article 10 of				
the Habitats Directive). In accord with				
Policies EN4, EN6 and NC3 of the Swindon				
Borough Local Plan 2026.				
46. Strategic Surface Water Management	46. Strategic Surface Water Management	46. Strategic Surface Water Management	_	Appellant's Commentary: Changes
Scheme	Scheme	Scheme		proposed here reflect that pursuant to the
Scheme	Scheme	Scheme		Revised FRA Addendum, a Strategic Site
Prior to the approval of the first reserved	Development shall be carried out in	Development shall be carried out in		Wide Surface Water Drainage Strategy is
matters, a Strategic Surface Water	accordance with the approved Strategic Site	accordance with the approved Strategic Site		submitted for approval to avoid the need to
matters, a strategic surface water	accordance with the approved strategic site	accordance with the approved strategic site		Submitted for approval to avoid the need to

Management Scheme for the site, in accordance with the approved Addendum to March 2019 Flood Risk Assessment (27970/4003/TN001) dated 22/08/19, shall be submitted to, and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The scheme shall include:

- Details to demonstrate how the proposed flows from the site will be restricted to 4.67l/s/ha for all events up to and including the 1% AEP + climate change event;
- Details of how the drainage scheme has been designed to incorporate SuDS techniques to manage water quantity and maintain water quality as set out in the FRA addendum, and in accordance with adopted policy and best practice guidance including the New Eastern Villages SuDS Vision SPD and the SuDS Manual C753;
- A strategic surface water drainage plan showing the proposed location of the proposed SuDS features;
- Details of the volumes (including indicative dimensions and indicative cross sections) and proposed construction details of the proposed SuDS measures;
- Details of how the scheme shall be maintained and managed after completion;
- Detailed drainage calculations for all rainfall events up to and including the 1 in 100 year plus climate change event to demonstrate that the strategic SuDS features can cater for the critical storm event for its lifetime:
- The submission of evidence relating to accepted outfalls from the site, particularly from any third party network owners; and
- Sequencing for implementation in accordance with the approved Phasing Plan (Condition 9).

The detailed Surface Water Management Schemes for each phase or sub phase (as Wide Surface Water Drainage Strategy (ref. 22006-HYD-P0-XX-DR-C-2220 Revision P07) or in accordance with a revised strategy agreed with the Local Planning Authority.

The detailed Surface Water Management Schemes for each phase or sub phase (as required by condition 48) shall be implemented in accordance with the approved details and timetable.

Reason: To ensure development does not increase the risk of flooding elsewhere; in accordance with Paragraph 165 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and Policy EN6 and NC3 of the adopted Swindon Local Plan 2026.

Wide Surface Water Drainage Strategy (ref. 22006 – HYD – PO- XX- DR – C – 2220 Revision PO4) or in accordance with a revised strategy agreed with the Local Planning Authority prior to the submission of the first reserved matters application, and subject to the submission of the following information

- Evidence that the proposed flows from the site will be restricted to 4.67l/s/ha for all events up to and including the 1% AEP + climate change event
- Detailed plan of agreed drainage parcels with existing and proposed drainage pathways and points of discharge to the strategic network
- Details of how source control within each parcel will proportionately contribute to the overall strategic drainage contribution for the development. This is to include a strategic assessment of the opportunities within parcels for incorporating SuDS such as permeable paving, raingardens, green / blue roofs but not limited to these features.
- Detailed plan of all watercourses, ditches and flow pathways within the development and an assessment of any connectivity to the wider catchment
- Where any watercourses, ditches or flow pathways being removed, altered, diverted an assessment of the impact on flood risk to the site and elsewhere.
- Detailed drainage calculations for all rainfall events up to and including the 1 in 100 year plus climate change event to demonstrate that all SuDS features can cater for the critical storm event for its lifetime; the scheme must demonstrate that surcharging has been design and takes account of any groundwater monitoring completed to date (SPD requirements).

discharge this condition if the s73 were to be allowed. This document carries through the principles that are proposed to be retained as part of the Revised FRA Addendum.

The Appellant's proposed wording goes to the heart of the s73 application, and the Council's proposed changes do not appear to acknowledge that we should be working to agree wording that is acceptable *if* the s73 is granted.

Separate to the above, the LPA's proposed wording references an out of date version of the Strategic Site Wide Surface Water Drainage Strategy.

NPPF paragraph referencing in 'Reason' updated.

#### **Council Commentary:**

Proposed wording does not affect the Appellants moving forward with their version of a Strategic Site Wide Surface Water Drainage Strategy , but provides detailed requirements to define any revised strategy or deviation from their original version to minimise risk of flooding.

required by condition 48) shall be implemented in accordance with the approved details and timetable.  Reason: To ensure development does not increase the risk of flooding elsewhere; in accordance with Paragraph 155 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and Policy EN6 and NC3 of the adopted Swindon Local Plan 2026.		<ul> <li>Detailed drainage plan showing the location of the proposed strategic SuDS features;</li> <li>Detailed cross sections and construction details of the proposed strategic SuDS measures</li> <li>The submission of evidence relating to accepted outfalls from the site, particularly from any third-party network owners;</li> <li>Details of how water quantity and quality shall be maintained during and after construction</li> <li>Phasing for construction and implementation of strategic drainage scheme</li> <li>The detailed Surface Water Management Plan for each phase or sub phase (as required by condition 48) shall be implemented in accordance with the approved details and timetable.</li> <li>Reason: To ensure development does not increase the risk of flooding elsewhere; in accordance with Paragraph 165 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and Policy EN6 and NC3 of the adopted Swindon Local Plan 2026.</li> </ul>		
47 Surface Water Management Scheme	47 Surface Water Management Scheme	As nor original		Annallant's Commentant Condition
47. Surface Water Management Scheme (Phases)  Prior to the approval of any related reserved matters, a detailed Surface Water Management Scheme for each phase or sub-phase of development, shall be	47. Surface Water Management Scheme (Phases)  For Phase 1, development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details listed below or in accordance with a revised scheme agreed with the Local Planning	As per original.	-	Appellant's Commentary: Condition reworded for Phase 1 to reflect material already prepared and submitted to address the conditions requirements for Phase 1 to avoid needing to submit and have this approved if the Appeal is allowed.
submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The scheme shall	Authority:			Principle of the condition remains the same for Phase 2 onwards.
be in accordance with the details approved as part of the strategic scheme (Condition 46), and include all supporting information as listed in that condition. The scheme shall be implemented in accordance with the	<ul> <li>Preliminary Drainage Strategy Sheet         1 of 4 (ref. 22006-HYD-P1-XX-DR-C-         2200 REVP07)</li> <li>Preliminary Drainage Strategy Sheet         2 of 4 (ref. 22006-HVD-P1-XX-DR-C-</li></ul>			NPPF paragraph referencing in 'Reason' updated in Appellant's wording to accord with December 2023 version.
be implemented in accordance with the approved details and timetable.	2 of 4 (ref. 22006-HYD-P1-XX-DR-C- 2201 REVP07)			Council Commentary:
Reason: To ensure development does not increase the risk of flooding elsewhere; in	<ul> <li>Preliminary Drainage Strategy Sheet</li> <li>3 of 4 (ref. 22006-HYD-P1-XX-DR-C- 2202 REVP06)</li> </ul>			See comments on condition 9 - Phasing
accordance with Paragraph 155 of the National Planning Policy Framework and Policies	<ul> <li>Preliminary Drainage Strategy Sheet</li> <li>4 of 4 (ref. 22006-HYD-P1-XX-DR-C- 2203 REVP05)</li> </ul>			There is currently no approved phasing details to identify phases for the new s73 outline planning permission and there is no

EN6 and NC3 of the adopted Swindon Local			identified phase 1 development in relation
Plan 2026.	Prior to the approval of any related reserved matters relating to Phase 2 onward, a detailed Surface Water Management Scheme for each phase or sub-phase of development, shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The scheme shall be in accordance with the details approved as part of the strategic scheme (Condition 46), and include all supporting information as listed in that condition. The scheme shall be implemented in accordance with the approved details and timetable.  Reason: To ensure development does not increase the risk of flooding elsewhere; in accordance with Paragraph 165 of the National Planning Policy Framework and Policies EN6 and NC3 of the adopted Swindon Local Plan 2026.		to this application.
New condition	No later than the submission of any reserved matters application for each phase of development, the Local Planning Authority shall receive a copy of the Impact Assessment and Conservation Payment Certificate (IACPC) signed by Natural England and a note prepared by a qualified ecology to demonstrate that the information relied on by Natural England accords with the information submitted for the reserved matters.  Reason: To protect great crested newts in accordance with Policies EN4 and NC3 of the Swindon Borough Local Plan 2026.	Measures to protect Great Crested Newts  Prior to the submission of any reserved matters application for each phase of development, the Local Planning Authority shall receive a copy of the Impact Assessment and Conservation Payment Certificate (IACPC) signed by Natural England and a note prepared by a qualified ecologist to demonstrate that the information relied on by NE accords with the information submitted for the reserved matters application.  Reason: To protect Great Crested Newts in accordance with Policies EN4 and NC3 of the Swindon Borough Local Plan 2026.	Appellant's Commentary:  This new condition was first proposed by the Council the evening before the exchange of Proofs. Therefore this is not referenced within the Appellant's Planning Proof of Evidence or the proposed condition wording at its Appendix MS1.  Although the Appellant does not consider this to be strictly necessary (as the IACPC process with Natural England offers enough certainty in itself), subject to the Inspector's thoughts, the Appellant is happy to accept the principle of the conditions wording, with an amended trigger to the Council wording.  Council comment  To ensure certainty that the scheme submitted for planning permission conforms with the mitigation arrangements agreed with NE
New condition	Not required	Measures to protect Tuckmill Meadow SSSI	Appellant's Commentary:  This new condition was first proposed by the Council the evening before the

Prior to the submission of any reserved matters application, the Local Planning Authority shall receive an impact avoidance plan which will protect the SSSI from air and water pollution. No work on site shall start before the Local Planning Authority has approved this plan in writing.

The IAP shall describe and quantify the predicted increase in emission of pollutants from vehicles using the A420, including vehicles involved in site preparation and construction and the consequential increase in deposition on the SSSI. It shall also demonstrate that robust mitigation measures to protect the SSSI from this pollution will be in place in perpetuity.

The IAP shall also demonstrate how the Pennyhook Brook will be protected in perpetuity from increased risk from spillage of hydrocarbons.

Reason: To protect the SSSI in accordance with National Planning Policy Framework Section 186b) and Policy EN4 of the Swindon Borough Local Plan 2026.

exchange of Proofs. Therefore this is not referenced within the Appellant's Planning Proof of Evidence or the proposed condition wording at its Appendix MS1.

It is the Appellant's position that this condition is not necessary or reasonable, and full justification will be set out within the Appellant's Ecology Rebuttal Proof.

#### **Council comment:**

Tuckmill Meadow SSSI lies 4km to the north-east of Lotmead Farm, along the A420. It is designated because it supports a good example of calcareous fen and a complex of neutral and calcareous grassland alongside the Pennyhook Brook. The SSSI also includes a small woodland

The nearest part of Tuckmill Meadow SSSI is just 35m from the A420 and the whole Site is within 200m and is therefore within the impact zone of vehicle emissions.

Without further information to characterise the current and predicted conditions at the SSSI and devise robust measures to minimise the risk of these potentially significant effects the appeal scheme is contrary to NPPF policy set out at section 186b) and SBC Local Plan Policy EN4a).