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Dear Sir / Madam

**South East Water Limited (SEW)**

**EP - Halling WTW 23007326**

**Construction of two kiosks to house ultraviolet disinfection plant, ancillary equipment and new palisade fence.**

We are writing to provide information to formally discharge conditions no. 4 and no. 5 of planning permission MC/22/2924 which was issued on the 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023. The works were carried out from February 2022 to November 2022 following receipt of the original planning consent (MC/21/3244) and followed the method statements and ecological mitigation detailed in the attached document, as provided by SEW's Environment Team. SEW are therefore, looking to close off these conditions by providing the documents adhered to during the works.

It is noted that this application relates to the variation of condition 2 application (approved on 07/02/2023) on planning permission MC/21/3244 for alterations to the layout of the apparatus within the site and reduction of the overall length of the perimeter fencing.

The two conditions we are looking to discharge are addressed separately below:

Condition 4

Condition 4 of the decision notice reads that:

*"No development shall take place (including any ground works, site or vegetation clearance), until a method statement for the protection of nesting birds, reptiles, dormice, bats, badgers and hedgehogs during clearance and construction works has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The content of the method statement shall include:*

- a) Purpose and objectives for the proposed works*
- b) Working method, including timings, necessary to achieve stated objectives*
- c) Extent and location of proposed works shown on appropriate scale plans*
- d) Persons responsible for implementing works, including times during construction when specialist ecologists need to be present on site to undertake / oversee works.*

*The works shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details.*

*Reason: Required before commencement of development to avoid any irreversible detrimental impact on biodiversity of the site and area, in accordance with Policy BNE37 of the Medway Local Plan 2003."*

In accordance with the requirements of condition 4, please find attached the Environmental Technical Note (ref: SEW Halling UV Installation Planning Conditions 4 & 5.pdf). Section 'Installation of UV Treatment at Halling Water Treatment Works' of this Environmental Technical Note outlines the requirements and purpose of the proposed works, in addition to their methodology. The extent and location of the proposed works are detailed within the Site location Plan and Proposed Site Layout and Elevations plan attached (ref. NEW\_UV\_AND\_SODIUM\_HYPOCHLORITE\_KIOSKS\_DUCTS\_AND\_DRAW\_PITS\_OVERALL\_PLAN-6102419.pdf, NEW\_UV\_\_SODIUM\_HYPOCHLORITE\_KIOSKS\_ELEVATIONS\_SHOWING\_NEW\_KIOSKS\_AND\_FENCING-6091628.pdf, NEW\_UV\_\_SODIUM\_HYPOCHLORITE\_KIOSKS\_CIVIL\_WORKS\_SECTION\_A-A\_\_B-B-6091626.pdf).

This Environmental Technical Note highlights that SEW's Environment Team are responsible for producing the Environmental Technical Note and ensuring contractors work in line with regulatory controls and mitigation measures provided by suitably qualified ecologists and arboriculturists. Within the method statements and mitigation details outlined below, SEW also state where ecologist supervision will be required on site during the works.

Method statements relating to those species identified as being at risk are provided as Appendices in this document. As outlined within Section 4.0 Condition 4 - 'Method Statement for Protected Species' of the Environmental Technical Note, it is not considered necessary that the following protected species require a method statement: Birds, Bats, Reptiles and Hedgehogs, however, should still follow the appropriate mitigation, timescales and precautionary methods of working.

#### Condition 5

Condition 5 of the decision notice reads that: *"Prior to the completion of the development hereby approved full details of the ecological compensation and enhancement measures, including a long-term management plan, outlined in the Preliminary Ecological Appraisal prepared by South East Water and dated August 2021 (submitted under planning application ref MC/21/3244) shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.*

*The approved details will be implemented in accordance with the submitted timetable and thereafter retained in accordance with the submitted long-term management plan.*

*Reason: To ensure that the development has no adverse effect upon protected species and in accordance with Policy BNE37 of the Medway Local Plan 2003."*

To discharge condition 5, please see 'Appendix C - Planting and Aftercare Specification' found within the Environmental Technical Note (ref: SEW Halling UV Installation Planning Conditions 4 & 5.pdf). This reinstatement planting has been chosen to provide biodiversity and pollinator opportunities and includes species such as blackthorn, hazel, rowan, beech and hawthorn. All planting works will be carried out in accordance with BS 4428. Within this planting and aftercare specification, SEW set out planting operations and methodology, including excavation methodology, removal of any stones, and installation of hedge boxes.

Within Section 2.0 'Landscape Aftercare' of Appendix C - Planting and Aftercare Specification (ref: SEW Halling UV Installation Planning Conditions 4 & 5.pdf), it is stated that the aftercare and new planting period will have a duration of 1 year from the date of completion of the works (Completed

November 2022). During this period, the contractor will carry out maintenance operations, including watering, plant replacement (where appropriate), weed control, and removal of litter on site. Furthermore, trees will be inspected as scheduled and immediately following strong winds. Broken, loose or decayed stakes and tree guards will be replaced and trees / shrubs will be reformed in April of each year and after disturbances (i.e. strong winds, frost heave). Appendix C provides the key s Planting Schedule. This schedule details the species, height, specification, operation methodology and quantity of trees / shrubs to be planted.

We look forward to receiving confirmation that conditions 4 and 5 can be discharged, however, should you have any further comments or questions relating to this, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

Lucy Davies, on behalf of SEW

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SEW Halling UV Installation Planning Conditions 4 & 5.pdf.

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