

Subject: APP/25/00006 | Erection of 1No. detached two bed dwelling to vacant land. | Land adjacent to 65 Andrew Crescent, Waterlooville, PO7 6BG

Dear Tina,

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Thank you for consulting me on this application.

The application is accompanied by an amended Biodiversity Net Gain Small Sites Metric (Tom Peters - ATP Architectural Design, 26 March 2025). The applicant is proposing an overall gain of 10.58% (or an increase of 0.078 habitat units).

Unfortunately I am unable to accept the Metric calculations. This is due to an input error whereby three of the post-development habitats to be created are stated as being of 'strategic significance' (see Metric Tab 5, table 1b, column D). Applying strategic significance to a habitat achieves an uplift in biodiversity units. None of the habitats within this site can be said to achieve the strategic significance uplift: the site is not identified in any formal strategy such as the Ecological Network Map for Hampshire. The uplift cannot therefore apply and, when the Metric is adjusted to reflect this the overall BNG gain is below 8%.

I can only suggest that the site layout is amended to try and achieve the legally required 10% BNG. The use of e.g. new trees may assist.

If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

Tristan

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