

Subject: APP/24/00612 Land south of, Lower Road, and west of Old Manor Farm, Havant

Dear Kayleigh,

APP/24/00612 | Approval of reserved matters comprising layout, landscape, scale and appearance, pursuant to outline planning permission APP/21/01071 for the development of 43 dwellings along with public open space and associated infrastructure works. | Land south of Lower Road and west of Old Manor Farm, Havant

Thank you for consulting me on this application.

The submitted Ecological Mitigation and Enhancement Strategy (Aluco, July 2024) includes details of previous ecological surveys plus the results of updating assessments in 2023 and 2024: I am content that sufficient survey information has been used to inform the mitigation strategy.

Detailed avoidance and mitigation measures have been described for the various ecological receptors: these are acceptable, and it is the responsibility of the applicant and their appointed agents to ensure that all avoidance and mitigation measures are implemented.

The developed site will contain large areas of open space, including areas of biodiversity-led grassland and wetland features. Detailed management prescriptions have been provided for these various parcels of habitat. The management prescriptions are acceptable, and again it is the responsibility of the applicant and their appointed agents to ensure that all avoidance and mitigation measures are implemented

This development is not captured by mandatory Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG). A BNG assessment has been provided, showing that the various habitat creation and enhancement measures would result in an estimated 30% increase in habitat units and a c.688% increase in hedgerow units.

Overall, I am content with the information provided. All ecological avoidance, mitigation and enhancement measures must be implemented as described.

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

Kind regards,

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