

# Consultee Comments for Planning Application APP/21/00601

## Application Summary

Application Number: APP/21/00601

Address: Land north of Solent Road (adjacent to Bosmere Medical Centre) Havant

Proposal: Proposed Portsmouth Water Headquarters building (Use Class E(g)(i) use); widened access onto Solent Road; and associated access, car parking, landscaping and works; including the felling of 7No. trees the subject of TPO No.1801 in order to improve the access and allow for the development.

Case Officer: David Eaves

## Consultee Details

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On Behalf Of: Ecologist

## Comments

Dear David,

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Thank you for consulting me on this application.

The application is accompanied by an amended Ecological Assessment (Ecology Solutions, June 2023), a Habitats Regulations Assessment (Ecology Solutions, June 2023) and a Biodiversity Net Gain Assessment and Calculations (Ecology Solutions, June 2023).

The site layout has materially changed, with the entirety of the western grassland now retained and the new structures confined to the northern end of the site. On that basis, the new layout is preferable to that previously submitted, with more potential for retention and enhancement of grassland habitat. I welcome the supplementary native plantings and the buffering of the watercourse along the northern and western boundaries.

It is unclear how the proposed grassland enhancement will be achieved: the latest ecological submissions contain no details on habitat management. I would therefore welcome some further detail on how the stated biodiversity net gain enhancements to grassland will be implemented this

should include methods, ongoing management and monitoring of habitat condition. The previous ecology report did include some details on this element of proposed works. I would also welcome the addition of nesting/roosting opportunities for bird/bat species on the new structure: the previous layout included such features but the amended plan does not.

After clarification on these matters I would be happy to recommend that all ecological measures are secured by condition.

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

Kind regards,

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