

Consultee Comments for Planning Application APP/23/00685

Application Summary

Application Number: APP/23/00685

Address: Land between, 26-32 Padnell Road, Waterlooville

Proposal: 2No. new dwellings with associated car parking and bin/cycle storage.

Case Officer: Leanne Richardson

Consultee Details

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On Behalf Of: Ecologist

Comments

Dear Leanne,

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Thank you for consulting me on this application.

The application is accompanied by an Ecological Assessment (4 Woods, July 2023) which is an update to a previous 2021 site visit and report. It is clear that the site has been cleared of all vegetation and is now essentially of very limited ecological value. Prior to recent clearance, the site in 2021 was described as supporting regrowing grassland and herbage with some areas of scrub. Online imagery from 2017 shows the site to contain tall grassland with herbs and mature shrubs. Given the clearance of vegetation, the site is considered to offer limited suitability for protected and notable species.

Given the current condition of the site, the ecology report provides some recommendations for biodiversity enhancements (although these are really compensation due to the clearance of the site). These measures include the use of a new native species hedgerow along the site boundaries as well as at least one integral bat roosting unit and one nest feature for Common Swift on the new building. In addition, recommendations for no/minimal lighting, especially where it might impact the trees/woodland off-site to the south.

The proposed native species hedging around the car park extension is acceptable and should be secured by condition.

Development shall proceed in accordance with the ecological avoidance, mitigation and

enhancement measures detailed in the Ecological Assessment (4 Woods, July 2023) unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority. Reason: to provide ecological protection and enhancement in accordance with the Environment Act 2021, Conservation Regulations 2017, Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981, NPPF, NERC Act 2006 and Policy CS 11 of the Havant Borough Core Strategy March 2011.

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

Kind regards,

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