

Dear Mr S Weaver,

**Consultation: APP/23/00379 Reserved Matters - Phase 1 Plot 5 of APP/17/01324 (new employment uses, hotel & access road)**

**Location: Proposed Unit 5, Dunsbury Park, Fitzwygram Way, Havant PO9 4EE**

Thank you for consulting Natural England on the application mentioned above. We have reviewed the application and have provided our comments below.

### **Biodiversity Mitigation and Enhancement Plan**

As per our previous responses to other reserved matters applications at the site Natural England recommends that a Biodiversity Mitigation and Enhancement Plan (BEMP) or equivalent be produced and agreed with by the Hampshire County Council (HCC) Ecologists.

The HCC Ecologist should agree the exact scope of the BEMP; however, Natural England strongly encourages the consideration of the broader landscape context as the site is of importance as an ecological corridor for protected species. We also strongly encourage the BEMP to reflect the site's location in the former Forest of Bere landscape, which is significant for Bechstein bats.

Please note we have not assessed the application and associated documents for impacts on protected species. Natural England has published [Standing Advice](#) on protected species. Standing Advice is a material consideration in the determination of applications in the same way as any individual response received from Natural England following consultation.

Provided the HCC Ecologists are satisfied with the submitted BMEP and the full implementation of the plan is secured by any permission, no further consultation with Natural England on this aspect of the proposal is required. If a BMEP cannot be agreed with the applicant, then Natural England should be re-consulted on the proposals to reconsider our advice.

### **Surface water drainage**

Best practice SuDS should be designed and installed in accordance with the requirements in the CIRIA SuDS Manual (C753).

Please note, the pollution hazard indices in the CIRIA SuDS Manual (C753) relate to 'protected waters' with regards to drinking water supply. Step 3 under Section 26.7.1 of the SuDS manual outlines that the requirement for extra treatment should be considered in relation to discharge to environmentally protected sites. It states that 'an additional treatment component (i.e. over and above that required for standard discharges), or other equivalent protection, is required that provides environmental protection in the event of an unexpected pollution event or poor system performance'.

The detailed design of a Sustainable Drainage System (SuDS) should be submitted and agreed with Havant Borough Council. This should include evidence to show that the proposed SuDS scheme will ensure there will be no deterioration in water quality [or changes in water quantity] in discharges from the site. Information on the long term management and maintenance (including funding) of the SuDS for the lifetime of the development should also be secured prior to the commencement of any works.

Further general advice on the protected species and other natural environment issues is provided at Annex A.

If you have any queries relating to the advice in this letter please contact me.

Should the applicant wish to discuss the further information required and scope for mitigation with Natural England, we would be happy to provide advice through our [Discretionary Advice Service](#).

Yours sincerely,

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