

APP/21/00200 | Demolition of existing buildings and redevelopment of site comprising erection of distribution warehouse (class B8) with ancillary offices and related facilities, vehicle storage deck, new access, landscaping and associated infrastructure. | 32 New Lane, Havant, PO9 2NG 21.0292

Thank you for consulting me on this application. Thank you for your patience.

The application is accompanied by an Ecological Impact Assessment (Lizard, February 2021). The site is essentially of minimal ecological value, containing a complex of modern industrial structures with areas of hardstanding, patches of amenity-type grassland and some planted trees and shrubs. The site is considered unsuitable for the majority of protected and notable species, and no further survey works are necessary.

The site offers an opportunity for ecological enhancements, and the landscaping proposals include a small number of bat and bird boxes as well as areas of native hedging, an 'ecological area', a hedgehog box, and a log pile. These measures are of course welcome, although the new warehouse building offers an obvious opportunity for further enhancements such as nest boxes for common swift – these are inexpensive and can be either integral to the structure or fitted to external materials. Swift boxes work extremely well and are a very simple measure with significant biodiversity benefits.

I would request that the new buildings incorporate a suitable number of swift nest boxes and that these are shown on the submitted plans and elevations. Ecological advice will be needed to ensure these are positioned in suitable locations.

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

Kind regards,

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