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Subject: APP/20/00935 - 11 East Street, Havant, PO9 1AB

Dear Mr D Eaves,

APP/20/00935 - 11 East Street, Havant, PO9 1AB - Erection of 6No. 3bed dwellings, with 4 No. car parking spaces

Thank you for consulting me on this application. The application is supported by a bat survey report (Enims, Sep 2020). I am satisfied that this represents the current conditions at the application site. No evidence of bats was found during the visual inspection. The building was assessed as presenting moderate roost suitability and therefore an emergence and re-entry survey was carried out to give confidence in the negative visual finding. This is appropriate and in line with the Bat Conservation Trust's good practice survey guidelines. No bats were seen to emerge from or return to the house during these surveys.

There are known bat roosts close to the works, thus precautionary measures that includes lighting restrictions has been advised. In addition, ecological enhancements including bat and bird boxes and native species planting have been recommended which will result in a net gain at the site.

Providing that these measures are implemented I would raise no concerns with the onsite mitigation and enhancements.

Natural England have requested an appropriate assessment due to the sites proximity to Chichester and Langstone Harbours SPA, SAC, RAMSAR and SSSI (1.1km). Therefore, mitigation comprising financial payment for recreational pressure is likely to be required.

If you were minded to grant permission for the proposed dwellings, I would recommend that the following condition is added to the planning permission as follows:

- Development shall proceed in accordance with the measures set out in Section 4 of the Enims Preliminary Roost Assessment & Bat Roost Survey Report (September 2020). **Reason:** *In accordance with Policy DM8 'Conservation, Protection and Enhancement of Existing Natural Features' of the Havant Borough Local Plan.*

Please let me know if you have any queries.

Kind Regards

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