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**Re: Land adjacent 15 Billet Avenue, Waterlooville PO7 7SZ
Nitrogen Neutrality**

Dear Sirs

We have reviewed the Havant BC email of 23rd February 2021 and advise that there are a number of errors contained within it:

- 1) The nitrogen assessment of 23 September 2020 was undertaken to NEv5 (June 2020) as stated within it. NEv5 remains current and is still the latest version.
- 2) On 15th July 2020, in relation to a NEv5 nitrogen assessment for a site containing less than 0.5Ha of open space, Havant BC confirmed that *"According to Natural England's methodology in paragraph 4.63 only land of around 0.5 hectares or above can be classified as open space"*. The site at Billet Avenue is 0.427Ha and being less than 0.5Ha is not classified as open space.
- 3) The site comprises part of the grounds to 15 Billet Avenue which NEv5 4.61 states to include *"built form, gardens, road verges and small areas of open space within the urban fabric."* The distinction between small and larger being set out in 4.63 as Havant BC have previously confirmed. The parcel is not natural. In addition to it's sub 0.5Ha size it contains built form in that it is artificial ground (fill) and contains a modern culvert of concrete construction.

Having reviewed the Havant BC email and rechecked NEv5 we disagree with what HBC are seeking to suggest. Indeed HBC themselves have previously considered NEv5 4.61/4.63 and made a determination on it back in July. The nitrogen assessment of 23 September 2020 is in accordance with NEv5 and is correct.

Yours Sincerely

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